HMML Trustees Minutes Tuesday 1/18/22

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05pm

In Attendance:

Betsy McCombs Joan Harlow Michelle Wheeler John Clark

In attendance over Zoom:

Robin O'Day

Secretary's Report:

Conversation about the minutes, John had made some minor changes, everything else looks fine. Joan makes a motion to accept the 11/16 minutes, Betsy seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

The year is not quite closed, waiting on town payroll numbers for December. We are higher than our line items on library expenses, \$1800. We should be okay though because the salary side is not expected to be over, will the town transfer money to us for the overdraft. There was money carried over from the previous year in the bank account, Betsy is not sure back how far the carry over might go, so we can cover that. As long as we're within the total budget for the year and it all goes to the library the budget money should cover it. Should we wait until the budget is approved to do the 2.8% raises John asks? The consensus is yes, wait until after the town meeting. We would make the raise retroactive to start at the beginning of the year. We have one donation from the Ver Plueggs in the amount of \$500 which Joan moves to accept, Betsy seconds, all are in favor.

Director/Youth Report

December is often a slower month because of the holidays. Overall the attendance is close to 2018 and the digital usage is way up as well as ILL. We are over 7,000 with the number of patrons. Ben purchased a new laptop for himself, shelves and magazine racks. We went in with the town on a propane bid, Palmer Oil came and resleeved a pipe and then filled the tank which they bought from DF Richard. It has ended up saving us about \$150 to fill the tank.

Other business

The patio bricks were not completed this year but it is on the list for the spring. The big sign out front was sunk down and rocked up to stabilize it, it will probably be cemented up in the spring. We have two trustees that are up for reelection and they are signing up - Betsy and Joan. Michelle puts in a request for an ASL program run at the library.

John makes a motion to enter into a non public session pursuant to RSA 91---A:3 paragraph II ---c at 7:29, Joan seconds.

Betsy votes aye, Robin votes aye, Michelle votes aye, John votes aye

A motion was made in non public session to come back to a public meeting.

Joan makes a motion to seal the non public minutes, Betsy seconds, everyone approves.

Robin wonders if the library has gotten any CARES funding, Ben says in 2020 he submitted invoices for masks, gloves, shielding and he doesn't think we got anything back. Betsy thinks we did get around \$700 which Ben says was supposed to be a percentage of the total which was around \$800. Betsy will look for that information.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 by Joan, seconded by Michelle, unanimously approved.