

HMML Trustees Minutes 8/16/22

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Joan Harlow
Michelle Wheeler
John Clark
Betsy McCombs

Ben Brown

Not In Attendance:

Libby Persons

A recognition of Charlie Goodspeed's contribution to the library in remembrance of him.

Secretary's Report:

Joan makes a motion to accept the 7/19/22 minutes , Betsy seconds, all are in favor, Betsy abstains. Michelle has the non public minutes from 7/19/22 for approval. Joan makes a motion to accept the non public minutes , Betsy seconds, all are in favor, Betsy abstains.

Treasurer's Report:

Only changes in the last month are the Friends created a form for when we request money for tracking purposes. We have two recent Lorax invoices for the non lapsing account. In the lapsing budget programs are high but summer is a heavy programming season. Everything is in line percentage wise considering where we are in the year and the big costs have already been paid for the year.

Budget sheets are due in early October so discussions will begin in September. Our budget is pretty good, maybe looking at the cost of electricity and heating for next year as those costs have been going up. After doubling the size of the library and adding lights we haven't increased our heating or lighting bills.

Director/Youth Report

July was a busy month with summer reading. There was a lot of meeting room use especially for tutoring. There was a donation of white boards for those rooms from a patron. We need to have our fire extinguishers inspected and possibly the sprinklers. Ben will figure out the cost of those inspectors for the maintenance budget. The lift is working well, Ben does plan on getting a number for the lift company from Greg.

Other business

John has a printed list of the bricks that need to be engraved and is looking for the soft source of it. John suggests that with busy personal lives and tracking down brick information we get the bricks laid in the early spring.

Volunteers haven't done much weeding, Patty has done some. \$495 was the bill for Lorax. The new contract for the plants is \$1450.50 which is up slightly from \$1360. Joan makes a motion to approve this amount, Betsy seconds, all are in favor.

The library closed one day last week because of four people on vacation.

John Cody suggests that as well as fuel the town should consolidate the fire and elevator inspections too.

Motion to adjourn at 7:24 by Joan, seconded by Betsy, unanimously approved.