

HMML Trustees Minutes 7/18/23

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00pm

In Attendance:

Libby Persons
Michelle Wheeler
John Clark
Betsy McCombs
Joan Harlow
Ben Brown

Not In Attendance:

Pam Tibbetts

Secretary's Report:

Joan makes a motion to accept the minutes from 6/20/23 as written, Libby seconds. All are in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

We've spent, overall, 52% of the budget so we are on track. Do we want any new line items in next year's budget, September is when we start thinking about that. A gardening line? We added cleaning separately. Does the floor go under maintenance or should it be separate? Increase the program budget? Right now we're at 70% spent but summer is our highest programming month. However, yoga has taken off. Passes are under media because patrons can borrow them.

Joan makes a motion to accept \$200 from the Hedding Ladies Auxiliary, Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Director's report

June was quiet at the beginning but then activity increased for the second half. Book groups take a break during the summer so ILL is down. Passes have gotten used a lot, especially Bedrock Gardens. Meeting room use has been high again. Summer reading started the last week of June, 120 sign ups for the program. The prize store opens next Monday.

Ben wants to hire Maria Wheeler as a part time worker one evening a week and a weekend day. Joan makes a motion to add Maria Wheeler, Libby seconds, all are in favor except Michelle who abstains.

Sylvia's husband came to fix the door that goes directly into the children's room. He also changed the handle to the cleaning supply closet for one with a lock and Ben has a receipt to compensate him for the lock.

Library expansion

Patio brick laying is very close to happening. Karen in the Friends has led the effort to vet the bidders who are ready to do the job and this Friday one will be chosen.

Landscaping, Patti sent us all an email and invoice for \$870 for her spring/summer work. Patti says we lost a few plants to weeds shadowing them out and we're going to get some replacements. Patti says we need a more substantial trellis for the berries out back. We'll ask Patti in the future to keep the billing within the calendar year.

Dedication

Ben will talk to Eva further about the room dedication so we can pick a day.

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 by Joan, seconded by Besty, unanimously approved.