

HMML Trustees Minutes 1/17/23

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00pm

In Attendance:

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

Not In Attendance:

John Cody

Secretary's Report:

Joan makes a motion to accept the 11/15/22 minutes , Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

Betsy is still waiting on the December payroll information and a few invoices and so didn't prepare a report. Betsy has prepared an enormous binder of information for the year. Betsy expects we'll pay \$2000 back to the town for the year. Betsy has a question about the salary lines, how could Ben's salary not match with the said amount. It's understandable that the part time lines might be different. Betsy is going to check into the discrepancy. The non lapsing account just paid out Lorax invoices and currently we have around \$6800 in that account. We have paid for the fire extinguishers and the lights but not the "sprinkler test" which broke the system. The new panel is in and everything is working fine. The bill for that will come and will be on 2023. Should we pay the fee for the sprinkler test? John suggests we talk to Greg because if there's legal action it will come from Town Hall. Betsy notes that there is an overage in the lapsing account for this year that we possibly could use.

Donations in the amount of \$200 from Brunet, \$100 from KSW Law and \$65 from Empath Support Group. Joan makes a motion to accept all the donations in the amount of \$365 dollars, Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Director's report

There is a new fire alarm system in the library, a new panel was installed, new parts should be easily replaceable. We saved all the parts of the previous system in case we need to show anyone what it looks like. What or who caused the short circuit in the system that led to replacement of the system is still under the investigation. The people who installed the panel say the inspector caused the short, the inspector says they never opened that part of the system and how could it be them? Town Hall is involved in helping to resolve the legal aspects

of who is responsible for payment. Ben will send an email to Gregg and the Selectman summarizing what has happened so far and asking what they need us to do next. January is historically a slow month. We had several well attended events in December including Charlie Goodspeed's room dedication. Ben has filled out the self evaluation part of the Director Evaluation. The plan is we will go over the evaluation after our February public meeting.

Other

Thank you to Sean Lecuyer again for cleaning up the space between the Fire and Brick museum and the library.

The town budget is a warrant article. The budget Committee meeting voted 9:1 in favor of the budget and there were no questions about the library's part of the budget. John plans on going to the February meeting as well in case questions come up there.

Libby does plan on putting her name on the ballot for the upcoming vacancy.

Because our February meeting conflicts with the Selectmen we will hold it in the library instead of Town Hall.

John is meeting Thursday night with Karen and Eva about the brick engraving. They're hoping the brick guy would like to have the original request forms rather than recreating a spreadsheet. John's going to try to get the bricks to the engraver by February. The Friends are going to take care of finding a person/company to install the patio and walkway to it.. There's no landscaping update, maintaining a contract with Patty for year three is likely so we can continue to consult.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 by Joan, seconded by Libby, unanimously approved.