

HMML Trustees Minutes 4/18/23

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04pm

In Attendance:

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

Secretary's Report:

Joan makes a motion to accept the non public minutes from 2/21/23 and 3/21/23 as written, Libby seconds. All are in favor of accepting the minutes. We will wait to approve the 3/21/23 public minutes until next month because Michelle forgot to send them out. Welcome Pam Tibbetts as our representative from the select board.

Treasurer's Report:

Betsy will continue to print out monthly reports starting next month. We have all our funds from the town for the year as of now. We appear to be very over spent in March but we have paid for the fire system replacement and the town may be pursuing some reimbursement from whichever entity is responsible for the damage. Ben will touch base with Greg about whether the town is pursuing it. Also the weekend of April 1st the heating failed at the library, Palmer replaced the part. The part was not under warranty and the installation warranty had run out too. Joan makes a motion to accept \$71 in conscience jar donations, Betsy seconds, everyone is in favor.

Director's report

Digital use has seemed to even out some, it is slightly down from last year, more people are using physical materials? Meeting room use is strong, lots of museum passes were used in March. 17 new patrons in March. We had a harp concert in town hall. Sylvia Nolet has fully moved into the youth librarian position, Melanie Bergen is officially a sub. For now Sunday hours are covered and the library will remain open. There's a Spanish guitar concert on Saturday.

Library expansion

The bricks have been engraved! There are eight replica bricks that the Friends will get to those people. There are three that go into the already bricked door, three plain bricks will come out and those will go in. No more engraving of used bricks!-says the engraver. The brick patio laying is going slowly. Patti Laughlin is soliciting quotes, she only has

one so far. Those efforts will ramp up and hopefully it will be installed. Patti Laughlin will be on retainer for another year. We have had volunteers cleaning up weeds. Barbara Willis is getting Patti to help her put the plant signs up in the garden and hopefully by Memorial Day. The library is available for participants of the parade to prep. The best time for the youth room to Ms Eva will be late June but there is no date set, probably on a Saturday or a Sunday.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 by Joan, seconded by Betsy, unanimously approved.