HMML Minutes 4/15/25

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02

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

Secretary's report
Joan makes a motion to approve the minutes from 3/18/25, Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report
Betsy received information from John about the default budget. The gist of the meeting with Jake was that they would take money from other budgets to give to the library so we could keep our third year of raises for the employees with the COLA. We need to wait for Lisa to email the final number before the raise paperwork is put through. Betsy will email Lisa tomorrow for that final number. Pam says that her understanding is that Ben's salary should be retroactive to January 1st but she wasn't sure about the part time salaries.
We are through the first quarter of the year, at this point office supplies are a little bit over and program costs are right up there. Let's keep an eye on that because of summer programs. Outreach/PD is at 68%, Ben is going to the state library conference and Sylvia is going to a workshop in May.
The Friends have $1000 earmarked for youth programs and they're going to talk to Sylvia about using that for summer programming.
Joan makes a motion to accept $30 in donations from the conscience jar, Libby seconds and everyone approves.

Director's report
Every number is up from March of 2024. First time for being over 1000 for Overdrive usage. The harp concert was held in the library in the community room. We have started putting flags in our ILL books educating people about the potential loss of funding. An update on library funding is that there are some lawsuits against the federal administration for removing the funding and there has been some discussion in Congress too.
Ben has started moving some things out of the Town Hall storage area that we're keeping. Next Tuesday a company will be coming to clean out the rest. Most of the remaining items are things that were moved there prior to the expansion and we haven't accessed them since.

Library landscaping

Patti and John set up the new obelisks on Saturday. Patti is still concerned about drought conditions in regards to spring planting, we may be holding off until the fall. The two older obelisks are behind the ramp in the front of the building if anyone would like them.

Other business

The light at the top of the stairs has gone out, it is an LED. It's not a light bulb issue. Ben didn't think that one light would burn out because it's linked to the other lights. We have paid off a lot of the other maintenance expenses, do we want to take care of the light now? PES was the company that installed the lights, maybe called them or Monarch.

Motion to adjourn at 7:23 by Joan, seconded by Libby, unanimously approved.