

HMML Minutes 5/19/25

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 4/15/25, Libby seconds, all are in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Betsy got the final numbers from Lisa, we'll be giving \$1350 back to the town. We are between the default budget and our expected budget. Betsy split the difference between programs and office supplies (about \$200). Everyone gets our planned raise, meeting our target number. Betsy sent it to Ben and we have pay raise forms to sign. Sylvia's course got cancelled so we will get reimbursed for that cost. Gardening expenses come from non lapsing. Patti sent her invoice to the trustees instead of Ben, that was the delay in paying Patti's bill but it is now sent. The bill was for last June and July plus March of this year. We do have an agreement for no more than four hours a month. We need to organize some volunteers to weed rather than pay Patti \$60/hour. Ben or Sylvia will contact the ukulele group about cashing the check from the program they did.

We are doing well with electricity and internet costs.

Director's report

We lost Elizabeth Segeberg this last month. In her obituary it was asked that donations in her honor be made to HMML. Donations were made in Mrs Segeberg's name in the amount of \$435. \$200 of this goes to the Friends. We also had donations from the Empath Group (\$20), \$100 from the Exeter Area General Federation of Women's Clubs and \$98 from the Conscience Jar. Joan makes a motion to accept donations in the amount of \$453, Libby seconds, all are in favor.

We were down attendance wise in April compared to last year. Other digital numbers are up. Meeting room use is up as well.

The storage area below Town Hall is cleared out and they have put in lighting. We are ready to move the stuff we're keeping back in. The light at the top of the stairs is in process, Monarch says we just need to replace the unit. Ben is starting to look for another book distributor. Baker and Taylor's delivery has started to go downhill.

There will be a Friends of the Library book sale Saturday, Sunday, Monday from 9-1.

We are currently not open every Sunday because of staffing. Eva suggested that we just close on Sundays for the summer. We will start this after Memorial Day and see how it goes for the

summer and then revisit in September. Joan is a half trained volunteer who might pick up some hours as a volunteer.

Library landscaping

Patti hasn't been in touch about planting so John thinks it will be in the fall. John plans on pruning the dogwood in the fall. The Friends were talking about getting a garden shed. John wonders if it could be between the library and the Fire and Brick museum. If that spot can be leveled out that might work. Some of the money would come from The Friends and some from donations in Prudy's name.

Other business

In March Betsy was named 2025 NH School Librarian of the Year at the state conference.

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 by Joan, seconded by Libby, unanimously approved.