

**Haston Library
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Librarian: Kathleen Engstrom

Assistant Librarian: Linda Childs

June 8, 2015 Draft minutes
Call to Order: time 6:10 pm

Attendance:

Librarian: Kathleen Engstrom

Trustees Present: Jennifer Bright, Bryant Reynolds, Carole Richards, Nancy Magnant, Nancy Jewett

Trustees Absent: Sue Clark is sick

Guests and Fans: Ian Bright (and sunny)

Approval of Reports:

Librarian

Motion- Carole

Second-Jennifer

Discussion- There was adorable thank you notes including pictures from young patrons and enjoying the worm program. Regarding the minutes-- What is your superpower? We will reveal them together later in the summer. What is the making and tinkering program? Susan & Tracy from AA Brown (Richford Public library) showed FLARE librarians how to do these with patrons. The Art of Tinkering book was passed around. Re-barcoding is ongoing. New non-fiction books are circulating, perhaps because they are new and perhaps because they are more visibly displayed.

Approved Yes

Financial

Motion- Jennifer

Second- Carole

Discussion: We have received more than we estimated and still have some.

Librarian has requested flexibility with donations over and above expectations. Designations that are put into the general fund to reduce the budget next year can distort. Most folks that donate money would like the money utilized for a specific cause.

Librarian can give board a list.

Library explained pg 2 of financial report. Some confusion is a result of fiscal year change. Seed grant is two years grant. Donations are not presented in the budget for town to raise. \$3807.07 represents donations FTC, Cookbook, Haston funds interest. Currently we have a 50,000 endowment which we collect interest on. The fund is intended to build upon and utilize interest for library materials. The fund has a longstanding tradition to oversee the funds and it is the intention of the trustees to utilize only the interest (to maintain the library). 49,872. 00 is the amount of the endowment. There was discussion surrounding the large nest egg and whether or not is should be accessible to the trustees. Over the years there have been donations to the endowment. Kim Gates Maynard. The interest can only be spent for books and circulation materials.

A separate question is whether or not the \$3807.07 donations can be used for library enrichment.

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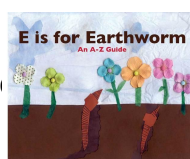
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Could the board consider putting in a *gallery rail system* to display works of art? There was an incident regarding a piece of art jumping off the shelf and it was the artist's favorite photo. We hate when that happens.

People are incredibly generous. Due the librarians have lifted the status of the library and also increased the positive image for the select board and the town. Out of town folks think very highly of the Haston Library and its services.

Approved Yes

Jennifer moves that Kathleen compile a list of items for the use of donations; Nancy J second

Approved - yes

Minutes

Motion Nancy M; Second-Carole

Discussion: looks good to Bryant; Approved Yes

Correspondence

Children's Garden \$1000

Kids planted and put it to bed last year and already did the worm stuff this year—how wiggly and cute!!

See the thank you notes

FLARE mini grant \$1500 to be used to promote libraries in Franklin County.

Could trustee staff the table at the Field Days this year. We will have a power point promoting all the libraries. Initially the money came from Bill & Melinda Gates foundation.

Vermont Online Library is a resource for periodicals. We had 670 minutes of use on the site. Yay!

Kathleen is very excited.

Old Business:

Vermont Telescope offer

Have we changed our opinion since last meeting?

Reminder: \$350 cost VT Astronomical Society has offered a deal for Library; will upgrade/maintain.

Telescope can be checked out by patrons. Brownell has one of these telescopes and corresponding policies. Question regarding use our kindle. It is going out on an increasing basis and getting put on hold sometimes. There has not been a problem or been broken so far.

Motion- deb moved to purchase the telescope

Second-Jennifer

Discussion: Summer camps also came up regarding fee charged at summer camps. Could money be used for children to come to camps? Should we develop a policy first? VT Astronomical Society helps maintains it for free. It is the board's intention to create a policy before the telescope is loaned. The money come from Bake sale, donations or fundraisers.

Approved- Vote results - 4:2 motion carried

Memorial Day Parade

A wonderful time. Ian our soldier with the flag did a fantastic job. There was enough candy.

Cookbook Update

Bryant says they are finishing edit and will have it printed by BBQ. We do not know what it will look like but it will be super beautiful. Trustees are very thankful for Linda Hartman's work on this very successful

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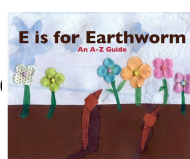
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project! There are 129 pages and has recipes from friends everywhere. We have made \$1600 in advertising. Good for us.

Budget

Budget from town meeting 2015 approved begins July 1, 2015.

Strategic Planning

It is done and distributed to Trustees. Michael Roche looked it over and approved wholeheartedly. Roche is the VT DOL consultant and attended planning meeting with Lake Carmi people and sent graphs. Strategic plan is tabled until next time so we can all read it.

Review Haston By-laws

Tabled since it is 7:30.

Peter Shea –Trout fishing program and bake sale May 29th

Gave a nice hour-long presentation. Charlie Rice won the raffle- congratulations! People forgot and it was conflicted school concert ☹ It cost \$. Try to get a list of people next time. It was just booked in the fall when things were requested. Kathleen can check with school next time.

Summer Reading Programs –June 20th There is a nice summer flier. Jennifer gave them all out at the parade and forgot to keep one for herself. So we gave one to Ian. ☺

Backpack Theatre June 20th Franklin Central School paid by BBF \$. The play will be Sleeping Beauty at 10am.

Fantastic Physicists June 27th Franklin Town Hall 10am will be fun with Rebecca Rupp

New Business:

Vacuuming during library hours -tabled

July 4th Fireman's BBQ and bake sale – usually ask Sally to call the Homestead;

Need trustees to help sell stuff that day.

BBQ is a Saturday, Fireworks are Friday July 3rd.

July 7th Art Opening- Karen Scheffler will be coming with stained glass

Franklin County Field Days FLARE table – already discussed

Wing chair cover and flag- tabled

Other Business: no

Bonus-Ian made brownies for us—yum yum chocolate is awesome

Next Meeting:

July 2, 2015 at 6pm

Adjournment:

Motion- Everyone; Second-Everyone; Approved Yes

Respectfully submitted by deb Grennon

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