

Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2023 @6pm

Town Clerk's Office

Call to order: 6:01 by Jeff

Agenda Amendments: none

Attendance: Jeff Teitelbaum, Corinna Stanley, Carole Richard, Jen Raynak, Library Director Josh Worman, and Victoria Jacobs via Zoom and cell phone (thank you, Allison).

Potential board members Melissa Richard and Allison Franklin.

Susan Clark for the first half of the meeting.

Public Comments: Susan Clark presented information and suggestions gathered from Mary Pat in St. Albans regarding how the Trustees might treat gifts to the Library.

Her suggestion is that gifts go into a holding fund, and are then designated in the next budget. General consensus that this is a good idea, and should go into the next agenda for examination and discussion.

Current policy is unclear, and will be under review by the Policy Committee when it re-forms after new trustees are elected.

These decisions should be run by the Town Clerk before adoption.

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: Card from Operation Happiness thanking the library for participating this year.

The trustees would like to recognize Nancy Magnant for all of her service to the library. Josh and Jen will put together a letter or card, and notify current and retiring board members so that it can be signed by all.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: M Corinna to approve as amended (year changed to 2023) SC

Treasurer's Report: M Victoria SC to accept the report

Library Director's Report/Strategic Plan Updates:

Several events, which were well-attended by patrons and squirrels.

Patron visits were up, possibly related to the more mild weather.

Josh has been working on weeding and re-shelving.

Victoria congratulated Josh on the nice job on the newsletter!

Josh is planning programming for March and April.

Corinna suggested that Josh feature the telescope at the upcoming Planetarium Lady event,

The board thanks Josh for the great work on programming this year.

Committee Updates: none

This will resume with the newly-formed committees at the next meeting. Josh will reach out to Stacie to see if there is an established schedule for committee reviews.

New Business:

Trustee resignation/trustee search:

Jeff's (6-year) and Carole's (8-year) terms are up, Rusti will not return after this term, and Board Chair Stacie Tremblay resigned on February 2nd. A big thank you to all.

Jeff suggested that the board focus on how to share the load of the work of the board among all of the members, rather than one person taking on too much.

Melissa, Allison, Brenna Sturtevant, and Deb Grennon are all potential members.

Library Director Recognition:

Carole suggested a plaque with the names of the Library Directors. Jeff would be happy to help organize that.

Elevator:

Susan remarked on the elevator still not working, and suggested that this is the time to look into changing the layout of the building. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the topic, including the potential of the Town Clerk relocating, and how that could create space for the Historical Society. Jim Cameron and Vawn Edele were suggested as resources for architecture and engineering planning. Jeff will reach out

to Jim, and put him in touch with Lisa if he is interested. Jen suggested that these ideas be brought up for discussion at Town Meeting.

Old Business:

Town Meeting Dinner:

There is consensus that this will happen.

Discussion was held about volunteers to help with serving. Linda and Jay Hartman have volunteered, and Trustees should ask others if they'd be willing to help out on Town Meeting day.

Jen will sort through the supplies in the upstairs store room, and will acquire whatever we don't have enough of.

The school kitchen will make rolls, and will give the bill to Carole, who will bring it back to the board.

Corinna and Jeff will split Stacie's list of donation requests.

Jen will ask Dave about set-up/tear-down of tables at the Town Hall, and tables and chairs at the church.

Other Business:

Town Meeting Day Participation:

Nominations for new Trustees will need to be made from the floor at Town Meeting. Traditionally, these nominations are made by current trustees. Corinna has agreed to make these nominations.

Two full terms are open, and two one-year appointments to fill out terms. Melissa is interested in a three-year term, and Allison in a one-year term. Josh will check with Brenna and Deb.

There should also be representation present for any discussion regarding the proposed budget. Josh will make sure that Trustees who are setting up the meal at the church know when the discussion is about to happen.

Town Meeting starts at 10:00. Details regarding timing and donations can be coordinated by email.

Member Concerns:

Jen asked Josh about the current library hours, and whether they are the right ones.

Josh will think about it.

Many donations have been received in honor of Nancy Magnant, which are going into the Haston Library and Eben Racine Memorial Funds. Kim, Josh, and Jen will compose the language for the Thank You notes, Jen will write them, and Josh will mail them.

M Corinna SC unanimously to adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:13pm.

Submitted by Jen Raynak

The next meeting will be March 9th, 2023, at 6pm in the Town Clerk's Office.