

Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

March 9th, 2023 @6pm

Town Clerk's Office

Call to order: 6:05 by Josh

Agenda Amendments: add discussion of library hours to Other Business

Attendance: Corinna Stanley, Victoria Jacobs, Millie (Melissa) Richard, Allison Franklin, Brenna Sturtevant, Jen Raynak, and Library Director Josh Worman.

Josh thought that Deb Grennon had agreed to fill out Stacie's term, but she was not in attendance. Josh will check in with her to clarify.

Public Comments: none

New Trustee Welcome/Orientation:

Corinna talked the new board members through folders and signing warrants.

The new members were introduced, and there was some general getting-to-know-you.

Officer Elections/Committee Assignments:

Descriptions of offices and committees were read for the group.

Chair: *This position will remain open until we hear from Deb.

Vice Chair: M Millie S Victoria to nominate Corinna as Vice Chair. Carried unanimously.

Secretary: M Victoria S Brenna to nominate Jen as Secretary. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer: M Victoria S Brenna to nominate Millie as Treasurer. Carried unanimously.

Strategic Planning: Jen, Brenna, Millie, Allison, Josh

This committee will start meeting in August to work on the next cycle of the strategic plan.

By-laws and Policies: Jen, Corinna

Personnel: Victoria, Corinna, *chair

Budget: Millie, *chair

Fundraising: Millie, Brenna, Victoria, Allison

Maintenance: Brenna, Victoria

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: A Thank You card came from Becky (Magnant) Fleury regarding flowers for the funeral, which the board believes were sent by the book club. Josh will pass along the card.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: M Jen SC to accept the minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa will join us for the April meeting to go over the financial report for new board members.

M Jen SC to accept the report as written.

Library Director's Report/Strategic Plan Updates:

No Strategic Plan updates this meeting.

Planetarium Lady was rescheduled due to the weather, the rescheduled date was also cold, but the event was well-attended.

Josh has agreed to serve as the VP of the Public Libraries Section of the Vermont Library Association.

\$5370 in donations received in memory of Nancy Magnant. The board would like to do something to recognize and memorialize her. Perhaps planting something.

The photography exhibit reception was fun - thanks to those who brought snacks. Photographer David Pratt continues to bring people by to see his photos.

Committee Updates:

Policy Committee: Josh will get the schedule from Stacie.

New Business: none

Old Business:

Town Meeting Wrap-Up: Corinna took lots of notes about the process of putting on the luncheon.

Approximately 60-70 people attended.

Several people were dismayed that they were not asked to donate anything. The list of people who are asked to donate should be refreshed. Perhaps there's another way to reach out for donations? Josh could put out clipboards in the Library and Town Clerk's office, and add it to the newsletter. It could also be announced in church. Allison would like to expand our scope and reach out to people who might not have been asked before, to involve new people. This can be discussed further by the Fundraising Committee as we approach the meeting next year. There is also an opportunity to work on this for the bake sale at the chicken BBQ.

There are a few things that could have been better about the set-up in the church. Victoria and Brenna have a better sense of how to place the food in the room.

There was enough of everything - food and supplies. And doughnuts and coffee.

The fundraiser netted just over \$600.

Other Business:

Library hours: Jen expressed interest in the idea of the library being open in the evenings as an adult gathering space. Millie is also keen on this idea, and has some ideas. Allison wondered about other kinds of nights, like crafts. The board is quite interested in this kind of programming. Josh suggested that this sort of thing would not need to have staff present, but could be overseen by volunteer board members. Josh will continue to think about whether adjusting the hours is necessary.

Member Concerns:

Victoria asked about the discussion of the lift that happened at Town Meeting. It was discussed several times, with lots of input from concerned townspeople. The board wants to help move forward the process, and will continue to work with the town. Everyone's goal is to restore access to the library. Millie will pick up looking for library-specific grants for accessibility.

M Victoria SC unanimously to adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:32pm.

Submitted by Jen Raynak

The next meeting will be April 13th, 2023, at 6pm in the Town Clerk's Office.