

Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes (DRAFT*)

May 11th, 2023 @6pm

Town Clerk's Office

Call to order: Called to order 6:04 by Chair Deb Grennon.

Agenda Amendments: Add quilt piece discussion to Old Business.

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

Town Clerk Lisa Larivee attended for the first part of the meeting.

Public Comments: none

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: One post card from a person from Texas with collection recommendations.

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

Treasurer's Report: M Corinna S to accept the report as written.

There was general discussion regarding what is included on the report, and Lisa and Millie will schedule a time to go over the reports more specifically.

Money from the Reserve Fund was moved to the General Fund earlier in the year. Lisa walked us all through the difference between the two funds.

Carried unanimously to accept the report as written.

Elevator Update:

Estimated cost of replacing the elevator is now approximately \$40K.

There is a potential ARPA grant source for elevator money, which is specific to libraries and ADA projects, but the application won't be available until the fall.

Lisa has applied for a 50/50 grant through Vermont Historic Preservation for elevator repair and heating system replacement. She will apply for another federal grant, which will take longer to hear about. It is 80/20 match, but may not be able to be

piggybacked with the state grant.

Millie has enquired about three additional grants, but hasn't started the application process yet. She and Lisa will work together to ensure that any grants we apply for will play well together. Millie is available to do grant applications.

Library Director's Report/Strategic Plan Updates:

Discussion regarding the goal of Trustees attending meetings of other town organizations. The following people volunteered to attend committee meetings:

Historical Society: Millie

Selectboard: Corinna

Homestead: Victoria

Alumni: Brenna (this committee is disbanding)

School: Allison

Childcare: Deb

Recreation: Brenna

Fire Department: Victoria

LCCA: Jen

Millie reminded the group that we all shouldn't sign up for too much, and that we can step away from things if needed.

VLA conference was "fun".

The annual report was submitted on April 6th.

Additional details are available in the Library Director's Report.

Committee Updates:

Policy Committee: Gift Policy draft presented, and discussed and compared with the old policy. M Jen SC unanimously to accept the draft as amended.

Jen brought up the issue of the library giving monetary donations to other organizations. The general consensus is that we should support organizations in non-monetary ways unless it is specifically budgeted, and all will be on the lookout for where this kind of language could go.

The committee will look at the holiday calendar, which has a few weirdly specific dates including Memorial Day: May 30th.

Old Business:

Plant Swap: Next Saturday, May 20th. Deb would like to organize a children's activity for during the plant sale. Victoria put it in the church bulletin but with the

wrong times. It should be OK.

Nancy Magnant plaque and quilt pieces: The plaque has arrived and is very heavy. It should be installed prior to the plant swap.

Corinna brought in four small quilt squares and a larger wall hanging. The wall hanging has a great story, and we will find a place for it in the library. Corinna will send the story to Jen to put on the website, and Jen will create a QR code to link to the page. Corinna will return the squares to Nancy's family.

Memorial Day Parade: Meeting at 8:30 at the library to decorate the float. A trailer has been found, and Deb will drive. Materials for the float are being collected. Josh will collect a few children for the float.

Memorial Day Book Sale: Victoria is leading the charge, and has a solid plan. Some of the books will ride over on the float.

Vermont Reads Books: Josh received these, and brought down copies for trustees. There will be an event and public discussion around this June 29th at 6pm, possibly outside. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

New Business:

Clerk Interviews: One person didn't show up, and another was interviewed. That interview went well, and the person is familiar with the systems of the library, and is enthusiastic. The position is budgeted four hours a week, and will be some summer programming, and cover additional time when Josh needs to be away and Val is not available. The personnel committee recommends hiring the person who was interviewed. Josh will discuss the next steps in hiring with Lisa.

Orphan Train Riders: Pam Greene is publicizing the event around town. Josh will check with her tomorrow about whether we should provide refreshments.

Summer Preview: Programming, Fundraising, Etc.

Modern Times Theater
Southern VT Natural History Museum
Alex the Magician

Erick at Due North is excited to host the fundraiser again this year.

The bake sale fundraiser at the 4th of July Barbecue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Deb recommended that any summer event dates be put in the newsletter as soon as

we know them.

Other Business: none

Member Concerns: none

M Victoria SC unanimously to adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:41pm.

Submitted by Jen Raynak

The next meeting will be June 8th, 2023, at 6pm in the Town Clerk's Office.

*Minutes are not yet approved by the board, therefore this remains a draft until the next trustee meeting.