

Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes (DRAFT*)

May 9th, 2024 @6pm
Haston Library
and on Zoom

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:01 by Deb Grennon.

Agenda Amendments: Jen requested to add the new position and school visits.

Attendance: Deb Grennon, Corinna Stanley, Millie Richard, Jeff Teitelbaum, Allison Franklin, Jen Raynak, and Library Director Josh Worman.

Brenna Sturtevant joined at 6:06.

Public Comments: none

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: Thank you card from Franklin Rec for the Winter Carnival collaboration.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by Corinna to accept the minutes as written. Seconded. No discussion. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: M Jen to accept the report as written. Seconded. Josh reported that everything looks like it's on target for the year. There has been a sudden burst of interest in cookbooks, resulting in four sales, year-to-date. Deb will volunteer time to clean up the garden in advance of the plant swap, but may need to purchase some supplies. Carried unanimously.

Library Director's Report:

The March 1st Story Time was very well attended.

The Crossroads book club went well, and will likely be reprised in the fall, perhaps with a Homestead collaboration. There was discussion about how to harness the interest for some summer programming.

The library collaborated with the Rec Department for the Winter Carnival and the Eclipse, both of which went well.

A patron took photos at the Siber Sled Puppies event, and Josh used some of them in the newsletter.

Josh has been working on weeding, both to alleviate crowding and to have books for the book sale at the Town Hall on Memorial Day. Boxes or tubs or bags are needed to transport books. Please bring any you can spare to the library before the 27th.

Josh is going to the VLA conference on the 20th, and will be presenting as part of "Small Budgets, Big Feelings".

Millie asked about whether Josh would like to attend other conferences. He is interested in one in particular that is specific to rural libraries, which will be in Massachusetts. There is grant funding available for conference expenses.

Deb talked about "Topsy Daisy", a traveling plant/craft business, and there was general interest in having her do a program for us.

Additional details are available in the report.

Committee Updates:

Policy Committee:

Policy Review Calendar has wrong date. Jen will fix it.

Haston Library Fund, Gift Policy, and Mission were reviewed, and unchanged. The Unattended Child Policy was edited very slightly, with no substantive change. M Jeff to accept as revised. SC unanimously

Franklin Central School Reading Committee: Jen dropped off another bag of books before April break. There will need to be more to donate before summer break. Brenna will make an announcement at the Memorial Day event. Books will need to be dropped off at school by June 3rd.

Old Business:

Franklin Community Voices: The third community meeting is Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm at the Town Hall. The library will be represented on the communication task force. Jen talked about the potential for a community bulletin board, sponsored by the library, installed on the front of the General Store by the creemee window. Jeff brought up replacing the current town informational sign with one which would architecturally agree with the library, and would have room for library event headlines. He pointed out that this had been discussed in the past, but had not happened. Josh suggested that it could also replace the Library/Town Clerk sign where the flag goes. Getting information to summer visitors (crossover with the Lake discussion) could also be on our lists for the task force. Josh, Jeff, and Jen will bring up these ideas in that meeting.

New Business:

Second Annual Nancy Magnant Plant Swap: Saturday, May 18th, 10am. Josh started advertising today. We will set up tables and canopies. It was generally agreed that we don't need any formal structure about how many plants someone can swap, or where the plants go at the end - we can play it by ear. There are still some faeries in the garden, which Deb may relocate gently when she spruces up the garden. All plants are welcome, as are supplies and tools. Jeff brought up the incoming wave of jumping worms, which gave all of us the wiggles. We will have the donation jar out.

Memorial Day Parade:

Float Decoration: Meet at the library at 9am. The parade will start lining up at 10:15 for a 10:30 start. Please do not park at the school.

Jeff Grennon will pull their trailer behind their side-by-side for the float. This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at the Library". Josh suggested a pirate theme. Float decorators will meet at the library at 9am. Wear yer best pirate garb. Float decor could be waves and words. Millie will head up the decorating, and Deb will get her the measurements of the trailer and help with the decoration. Josh will look into getting Pirate Booty to hand out, as well as bookmarks and stickers. Will need people to walk/hand out booty, people on the float (kids).

Book sale: The book sale will be in front of the bandstand again, and will be staffed by Millie and her husband. We will use three tables from the Town Hall. Book Sale stuff - books and carts - will be picked up at 9:45 and brought to the Town Hall.

Clerk Position: Josh advertised for the position digitally on several platforms, and in the newsletter. Whitney Wright is a potential candidate for the summer Story Time position, but is not available beyond the summer. There was a lengthy discussion about the expanded clerk position and how to best advertise for it to attract candidates who can be the best fit for our needs. The Personnel Committee will meet very soon to integrate the goals from the strategic plan into the current job description and to craft a job posting. There was agreement that though it does not have to be, this could be a separate person from the one who does Story Time, and Millie pointed out that if we do not begin to use the additional funded hours in July, we can bank them for later in the year. The committee will focus on attracting the right person rather than filling the position quickly.

Elementary School Visits: Jen will reach out to Joyce and Nancy about having Library Visit field trips before the end of the school year. Allison and Millie are both available to help with staffing or chaperoning. Josh will figure out some swag to give to each student. Class sizes are 12-22.

Other Business: none

Member Concerns: none

M Jeff S to adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:33pm.

Submitted by Jen Raynak

The next meeting will be June 13th, 2024, at 6pm in the library.