

Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

September 5th, 2024 @6pm
Haston Library
and on Zoom

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Deb Grennon.

Agenda Amendments: Recognition of Judith Martin, a former Haston Librarian.

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

Millie Richard was unable to attend.

Public Comments: none

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: zilch

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by Jeff to accept the minutes as written. Seconded. No discussion. Carried unanimously, with Jen abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: M Jeff to accept the report. Seconded. There was discussion about an omission that Josh found and had Lisa correct, and about the cost of programs exceeding our budget numbers. This will be revisited in the next budgeting cycle.

Library Director's Report:

July was great, and August was pretty good, too. Lots of visitors in the library, but slightly disappointing attendance at some of the programs. The STEAM-y Monday series had particularly small numbers this summer.

The Historical Society has begun having their meetings in the library.

Brenna noted that sometimes Facebook doesn't present events until after they've happened. Part of it may be that we don't pay them. We should all re-post to get the word out before the events happen.

Some things that Josh would have liked to program this summer were not possible due to scheduling.

Many donations have been received in memory of Frances Hammond and Nini Worman.

The Gates Reunion packed the library for Vera Gates's art opening.

Allison asked whether it would be possible to livestream events. Josh will keep that in mind and look into it for future events.

Josh is serving as President of the Public Library Section of Vermont Library Association. The association has targeted five small, under-resourced public libraries to receive grants for building funds or a specific project. Josh is responsible for contacting these libraries to start the conversation about the grants.

Additional details are available in the report.

Committee Updates:

Policy Committee: The committee reviews the Collection Development Policy, the Procedure for Materials Reconsideration, and the Request for Reconsideration of Resources, and recommended no changes other than one minor word change. The Board agreed, and the policies will be reposted as reviewed.

Personnel: Deb, Jeff, and Corinna set a date of September 30th at 4pm for the Committee to meet to discuss Josh's midyear review. Josh will prepare a self-evaluation for that meeting. The committee will meet with Josh on October 7th at 1pm at the library for the review.

Budget: Brenna, Millie, Deb, and Josh need to meet regarding budget planning. Brenna, Deb, and Josh set tentative date for the first meeting of October 10th between 4pm and 6pm, before the Trustee Meeting.

Old Business:

Relocation of town offices: As discussed at the Selectboard meeting last night, the expected timeline is three years minimum until the new building would be ready to house the town offices. The board will endeavor to be involved in this process as it moves forward.

New laws re: meetings, collection development, patron privacy: Josh has begun to post the recorded meeting links on the Resources page on the website.

Event photos/social media policy: The board agreed that there does not need to be an official policy about photos.

New Business:

Dick Wright Pub Partnership: Jen offered the space for library events. The current occupancy limits gatherings to meetings and educational events, but that should be changed to include audience-type events within the next two months. The room will hold just under 50 people.

Fall Carnival, 9/7 2-5 PM: Josh will bring rocks for kids to paint on, which Michelle will lead. The Rec Department is providing the paint. Josh will bring a table and the canopies from the library, and meet Allison at the fields a little after 1:00 to set up. Board Members are welcome to attend to help hand out prizes and chaperone. Allison has been the primary liaison between the library and the rec - thank you! The Little Free Library has been installed next to the batting cage for this weekend, with the possibility that it could move up to the playground later.

Trunk or Treat, 10/27: We will do roughly the same thing as last year, with the library handing out books. Josh will order them. Brenna will set up a display again this year - it was fabulous last year.

Other Business:

Corinna wanted to make sure that Judith Martin's service to the Haston is acknowledged. Josh will include a remembrance of her in this month's newsletter, and will attend her celebration of life.

Jeff asked about the status of the bulletin board. Jen will discover where it is, and ask Patty about putting it up on the wall next to the door at the General Store.

Staffing update: Sierra will be coming back after the State Park closes, probably in October. Jen Dewing will be covering Story Times occasionally. Corinna might also be able to cover some of these, depending on her schedule. Karey Edele also helps out sometimes. There is usually music, a story, and a craft or activity.

Member Concerns: none

M Corinna S to adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:57pm.

Submitted by Jen Raynak

The next meeting will be October 10th, 2024, at 6pm in the library.