

Haston Library Board of Trustees
MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2026, 6:00 PM

Call to order: Brenna called the meeting to order at 6:03

Attendance: Brenna Sturtevant, Deb Grennon, Jeffery Teitlbaum, Madison Sanguinetti Kempton, David Pratt, Alison Franklin, and Library Director Josh Worman.

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Comments: None

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: None

Approval of meeting minutes for September 10, 2026: Moved by Deb to accept the minutes, seconded by Jeffery. Unanimously carried to accept.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Jeffery, seconded by Deb. Jeffery had a question about the \$6,000 grant and where it shows up in the treasurers report. It is located under Grants and shows up as a negative due to it being larger than what we anticipated. Unanimously carried to acceptance.

Library Director's Report (Deb's Favorite Part):

- Josh shared that they filmed the first episode of the library show and it will be posted on YouTube shortly. He asked if we would like to have approval before the show is posted. We all agreed that we trust him.
 - David asked if it is addressed to kids, young adults, or who?
 - Reading Rainbow, Across the Fence, Saturday Night Live
 - He interviewed Brian for the first one, and they discussed the history of the library
 - They are in the "through things at the wall and see what sticks phase."
 - David shared that the second graders don't know where the Haston Library is.

- Josh noted that September's numbers normally expect a following off with the start of school, but our numbers were off
- Something weird is going on with the website- Josh couldn't send emails for a bit due to this. He then noticed that the visitor count was about 30,000 a day. He was unable to get anywhere with Bluehost and WordPress. It seems to be less of an issue as of late.
 - The numbers he had for the website views were approximate.
- Grammy Jen came back for Pirate Story Time (costume and all!)
- Good month for donations
- Cemetery sleuthing on Saturday, October 10th with Erin Moulton; she has been to Franklin two times before.
- Brenna asked what the MVU tours do when they are coming into the library. They will come in; Brian will talk a bit about the history, and then Josh will give them a tour. He gets some questions. Students explored the metal detector with a classmate's head. They appreciate the "library of things."
- Ben Weed called and said he will be here on Tuesday to take the window, repair it, and replace it.

Committee Updates

- Bylaws and Policies:
 - Job Descriptions- nothing in the job description about the website or social media accounts. Josh replaced the last line (he felt it was redundant) with these two things.
 - Volunteer Policy - Deb asked if we have a clerk, and it is technically Sadie's role. Josh stated that he removed the language about the friends group, as we don't have it. He also removed the piece about the children's garden.
 - Deb made a motion to accept the two changes made; Jeffery seconded it. This was unanimously approved.

Strategic Planning: Progress update

- Made some changes;
 - Increasing staffing hours is fairly straightforward.
 - Discussed breaking down the community needs assessment to take the building out based on the conversation in our meeting last month. It is felt that this is beyond the current timeline. We can make amendments, however, in the future. Jeffery asked if David had information about the two units in the new town offices.
 - It would appear that the current tenants are long-term and thus will push back the timeline of the new building. We are curious about when renovations will begin, when the Town Offices will be moving, and when the Library will need to start

planning for the downstairs.

- It feels at the moment that people are divided about this issue. Jeffery asked David about the amount of space downstairs in the vault. He was curious if anyone had a plan for the vault and when it is too full. David said they are caught up in the current problems and not thinking long term. Josh mentioned a meeting about it coming up soon, but no date has been released.
- We will work on our building and what we've got. We have our ideas about what is going well, but it would be great to hear from patrons and others about what is going well and what they would like. They discussed small focus groups- spring, summer, and fall to hear from residents as to what they are looking for.
- David suggested that Josh could go and speak to them and send home some materials.
- Jeffery brought up getting students signed up for a library card and building visit numbers through that. One field trip a year per class.
- Have applications or something at trunk or treat- not good wifi. Maybe having an event about getting cards out there. We need to at least get students through 6th grade.
- Conversations about what to do in a library.
- A quick to-do: add something to the newsletter.
- Discussed the goal for youth engagement and how we could get each class a year.
- Jeffery suggested a kid book review on the Monthly program. Josh said that this will be a recurring segment.
- The plan is to finalize language at the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee. Date scheduled: Thursday, November 5th at 6:00.

Other committee updates: Nothing

7:00 Old Business

- Budget planning for 2027-28: Josh has not started but will by the 19th
 - We are debating changing the location of the community meal for town meeting, as the church is now charging to use the space.
 - Lisa Larabee proposed a fundraising opportunity- a bake sale on Election Day in the town hall. This may not be a feasible option. What do we think the number of voters will be this year? Do we think we would break even? (Pin in it)
- HUD grant update: nothing yet; supposed to be October
- VT Community Foundation grant: How should we spend this grant?

Potentially replacing the computers? Deb asked how long we have to spend the money? We have about a year. Not necessary to spend it all at once.

- Trunk or Treat ideas
 - Imagination Library- Saide is preparing with her costume, dres up related to Dolly Parton Songs. Bring Candy; Josh has books.

7:15 New Business

- Do we need a new trustee? It's deb-atable
 - We requested stays for this conversation
 - Due to her awesome new opportunity, Deb will be unavailable for meetings until March.
 - Deb's thoughts were that she could find someone to replace her, or she could stay on the bnoard and work on the committees. In the bylaws, it states that if you miss three meetings, you could be removed.
 - Deb feels that she could work on the committees but not come to the monthly meetings. We are in support of what Deb needs. Deb suggested staying on to help with the strategic planning and budget committees. She will continue to look for someone.
 - Should we reschedule the February Meeting? REVISIT IN JANUARY

7:25 Other Business/ Member Concerns

7:45 Adjourn: Motion made by Brenna, Jeffery seconded, and all approved.

Submitted by Madison Sanguinetti Kempton.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 6 PM at the library.

*Minutes are not yet approved by all trustees; therefore this remains a draft until the next trustee meeting.