Haston Library Trustee Meeting Minutes* [DRAFT]

November 12, 2026 @6pm

Haston Library and on Zoom

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Brenna.

Welcome back Corinna! We're happy to have you again!

Attendance: Brenna Sturtevant, Jeffrey Teitelbaum, Lissy Bachelder, Corinna Stanley, David Pratt, Allison Franklin and Library Director Josh Worman.

Absent: Madison Sanguinetti Kempton

Agenda Amendments: None

Public Comments: None

Review and Sign Warrants

Correspondence: Letter from Ellen Webster thanking Library Directors and libraries around the state.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Moved by Jeffrey to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Corinna. Carried unanimously to accept.

Thank you Madison for taking minutes in my absence! -Lissy

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Corinna to accept the report. Seconded by Jeffrey. Carried unanimously to accept.

- Josh will ask Lisa if she can split the "Pension Library" line item into two, the actual pension and reimbursement payments – so we can be as transparent as possible.

Library Director's Report

- High patron visits and programming this month!
- Trunk or treat was a great success! Over 200 kids attended – we almost ran out of books!
- The Halloween Party at the Town Hall was wonderful! A lot of kiddos got some energy out before Trick or Treating!
    - One trustee thought it would be fun to have a cardboard cut-out of Josh so he can "be at" events even if he can't attend.

- First episode of the library TV show aired! Make sure to check it out!
- The library got amazing news about the Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grant – read more about it under Old Business.

Committee Updates

- Personnel: none
- Strategic Planning: Planning meeting did not happen. Trustees will try and meet again before the next meeting.
    - Budget committee will meet this coming Monday.
- Fundraising: none
- Maintenance: none
- Policy: Personnel policy will be added to next month's policy review and will be addressed during the next meeting.

Old Business

- Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grant update
    - The library was awarded a $200,000 grant! We have 2 years to complete all projects. Josh and Lisa have been working together to fill out miles of paperwork and keeping the grant committee apprised of the work, once it starts.
        - Projects we'd like to use the money for: roof (including ceiling work where roof has been leaking), chimney brick work and front steps.

New Business

- Trustee recruitment
    - deb and Jeffrey's terms will expire this March.
        - Corinna will be filling in for deb in the meantime.
    - Molly Hartman and Allison Macfadden have expressed interest and/or Josh will approach to ask.
- Holiday closings: Thanksgiving and Black Friday the library will be closed.
- Operation Happiness
    - The library will be participating again this year. Tags will be available and gifts can be dropped off at the library.
- Tree Lighting: 12/4
    - The Pub is taking over this event from the Rec Dept. The library does not need to be involved.
    - The Rec Dept will get the tree and decorate it.

- Polar Express: 12/20 at the Town Hall
    - The library will set up books by the front doors.
    - Josh will need to order more books for this event.

Other Business/Member Concerns

- Town holiday party/meeting will be 12/16. Trustees should let Josh and/or Lisa know if they are able to attend.
- Vendor Fair is this Saturday and the library will have a table selling books.
    - Josh will need help bringing over books – tomorrow at 4pm. The library tables have also been requested.

Executive Session: None

Adjourned at 6:58pm.

Submitted by Lissy Bachelder.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2026, at 6pm in the library.

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