

Board of Trustees
Hollis Social Library
October 17, 2022

Trustees present: Sarah Booth, Tom Jagatic, Amy Kellner, Jonie LaBombard, Laurel Lang, Stephanie Stack

Trustees excused: Merle Carrus

Trustees attending via video conference:

Also present: Tanya Griffith, Library Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Public Input

Aaron Penkacik, Dow Rd: He has never received an answer to his letter expressing his concerns about library policies on programs that are restricted to any particular group, specifically the coding class. He added that the emails to the trustees had bounced back. Mike McCormick, Wright Rd: He is concerned that the library's policies prohibit discrimination and yet a program was offered for girls and non-binary persons. He is asking for transparency. Doug Davidson read a letter from Monica Valle, Rideout Rd, asking why reregistration is required for toddler story time, especially for outdoor events. Doug Davidson, Rideout Rd: The posting of the coding class sexualizes children and discriminates against boys. He is also concerned about the culture of the library changing. He will no longer rubber stamp the library budget.

3. Secretary's Report – Jonie LaBombard

The September 12 minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report – Sarah Booth

She has no concerns; spending is on track.

Motion	To accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.		
Made by	Tom Jagatic	Seconded by	Stephanie Stack
Vote	Unanimous		

5. Library Director's Report –

Jeff Peters has volunteered to install door closers on the public bathrooms to make access easier for patrons. Twenty-six free replacement cards were given out during Library Card Sign-Up month. Two new library pages started in September.

6. The installation of the handicapped doors is waiting for the electrician.

7. We need to set up a strategic planning committee and choose times for the meetings with Standerfer Consulting. Amy, Sarah, and Tom will be the trustee members of that committee.

The committee will meet with the consultant on January 23 at 6pm. All trustees will meet with the consultant on May 8 from 5-9 pm.

8. The Art Committee reviewed ten paintings that were suggested by Jacqueline Becker and recommended three possibilities, two large and one small to the trustees. Jacqueline will bring the paintings to the library so that the trustees can see them in person and discuss where best to hang them.

9. The trustees agreed on a suggested budget to submit to the Hollis Finance Director. Salaries will be finalized at our November meeting as guidance from the town will be available by the end of October.

10. Non-resident library card fees will be increased to \$50 from \$35. Tanya drafted a letter to non-residents to notify them that the fee is going up on December 1. The trustees approved mailing that letter to current non-resident card holders.

11.

Motion	At 7:54 pm to exit public session and enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) <i>Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting and (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body even where legal counsel is not present. .</i>		
Made by	Sarah Booth	Seconded by	Laurel Lang
Vote	Unanimous		

12.

Motion	At 8:28 pm to exit nonpublic session and enter public session.		
Made by	Tom Jagatic	Seconded by	Sarah Booth
Vote	Unanimous		

13.

Motion	To seal the minutes of the nonpublic session just concluded.		
Made by	Tom Jagatic	Seconded by	Sarah Booth
Vote	Unanimous		

13. Stephanie suggested that we add a review of the current library program registration process to the agenda for discussion at the November trustee meeting.

14.

Motion	To adjourn the public session at 8:29 pm.		
Made by	Laurel Lang	Seconded by	Tom Jagatic
Vote	Unanimous		

Respectfully submitted,

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