

Town of Hubbardston
Board of Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2021

Members present: Josephine Amato, Krista Goguen, Morgan Brinker, Johanna Henning

Members absent: Tom Robinson, Connie Strittmatter

Also present: Chris Barbera

Meeting started at 7.03 pm

Director's Report reviewed.

No update on the Road Race.

Library collection – Chris Barbera

- Evan Knight recommended that the Library take inventory of the books on the mezzanine and gave us a template to use.
- Books that are copyright free can be scanned to go on an internet archive.
- Gabbie may be in a position to help the Library with this project.
- This will be discussed in greater depth in September.

Grants

- Krista, Connie and Josephine looked into one grant for the Library and decided that the time wasn't quite right for it. This grant would require taking a conflict resolution facilitation course that would help empower the Library to lead a community discussion on Library improvements.
- The course is ALA sponsored, so it is tailored to library needs.
- Morgan suggested that the Trustees learn how to and practice applying for grants, starting with smaller, simpler ones and working our way up to larger and more complex ones.

Other Business

- As Covid 19 continues, mask protocol will be set as needed or mandated.
- Story Hour, when it comes back, will be virtual until Covid goes down to a low level.
- Books have been found not to transmit the virus, so they no longer need quarantining.
- Morgan proposed that Chris and Krista act as a policy pre-review committee.
- 2022 will be the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Library and 2025 is the 150th anniversary of the actual building. This was brought up to start the discussion of how to celebrate the Library's founding.
- Chris brought up the possibility of having the Historical Society help find a grant or grants to help pay for alternate exits from the second floor, so the museum could be accessible again.
- There was a discussion of how to involve the Historical Society with the Library. Morgan proposed that there be a rotating display space for them on the main floor; there would need to be a commitment to changing the display on a regular basis.

Meeting ended at 8.06 pm

Next meeting September 2 at 7 pm

Respectfully submitted, Johanna Henning