

Moretown Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Thursday, January 6, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via link below

<https://meet.google.com/fns-euek-zyw?authuser=0&pli=1>

Not Approved

In attendance: Allison Dellner, Deborah Feldman, Jennifer Hill, Jamie Wimble, Emily Wood

Cory Stephenson, Nicole Melone

6:35 Call to Order - Jamie

6:36 Public Comment -

- Introduced Nicole Melone as the new library assistant. She is enjoying it, meeting people and feeling involved. Nicole sees the potential with being in the Town Hall and the building of a community center.
- Jen Hill shared how awesome the Pandemic Story Reading was at Egg and Toast. It was a beautiful and great community event.

6:40 Reading - Jamie's last one. Girl Scouts Pledge

https://youtu.be/Ci-liHa_NNo

6:45 Secretary's Report - Jen

November 11, 2021 [Minutes](#) highlights:

- Town Hall Committee update
- Sidewalk update
- Friends update
- Library location
- Town Hall Nutcracker use discussed

Allison Dellner moved to approve and Emily Wood seconded, all voted to approve.

6:50 Treasurer's Report - Em

- [Budget](#) update/librarians salary
 - The December budget is not reconciled
 - library director 18.77 is on the current 2022 paystub
- What about library assistant salary? Does the 7% increase cover it? \$14.99 is what is on the current 2022 paystub.
- Does the timing of the raise take effect Jan 1, 2022 or after the budget is voted for in March?
- Emily sorted out the two separate grants listed and confirmed that it is only one and it is fixed.

7:00 Librarian's Report - Staff

- Here is [the report](#) highlights:
 - puzzle swap was great
 - pandemic stories is available to check out
 - Future: Peace and Justice coming up in Feb, VT READS grant application submitted including: Screening of Listen Up, Outright VT and connect with GSAs at local schools
- Communications and Procedures for Town Hall Rentals: Cory will talk with Don and Cherylin about this. What is our input?
- Compiling stats of the past year and will share soon.
- Preparing to promote curbside pick up again.
- Canopy purchase is getting lined up once the budget is approved
- Volunteer appreciation (Soup to go?): Friends have arranged a \$50 gift cert. to the Red Hen and this is taken care of. Let's save a SouperBowl for the future.

7:20 Updates from the Chair:

- Candidates Needed (Trustee Seats 2022 [notes](#))
- Methodist Church / Library Location Options : no partnership is possible at this time
- Logo/Branding: good thing to do once Town Meeting Day has passed and the future of the library is more settled then the July 2022 retreat would be a good time to come back to this.
- Friends: no update at this time.

7:35 Town Hall committee update/SB meeting/Town Meeting

- Debrief recent rental experience: Library assistant shared experience with the group who did not adhere to the mask mandate, book shelves were blocked, parking was a problem, it was uncomfortable. It didn't make sense to be open and operating the library while the rental was taking place.
- The conversation with the selectboard was about co-using the space. There were email conversations with the organization that did not coincide with what was happening when they arrived. They did not wear masks and so closing the library and canceling story time was the course of action.
- What takes precedence for future Town Hall rentals and library hours and functions? What about the process for who to talk to? Could editing the Town Hall contract include the details that will guide future decisions and include a checklist for the renters to follow. What are the ways to hold them to the contract? Looking at ALA (advocacy) will give statistics and information about libraries with loss of hours and the negative impact on the community. The emphasis of the contract needs to include the hours that are available and very clearly state any exceptions.

8:00 Matters Arising

Communications and relations with the Selectboard and Town Hall Committee. For the Town Meeting Presentation the Town Hall Committee is poised to do this. The letter from the Selectboard in support of the Town Hall Community Center including the Library will support the vote in November and future grant funding. Allison will be the contact for future meetings and if she can't make it she will reach out to the trustees so one of us can be there.

8:20 Set next meeting date

Town Meeting is Tuesday March 1st.

Thursday, March 3rd is Thursday Special Organizational Meeting 6:30 pm for the trustees to elect officers: Here are the [ByLaws](#) with the duties of the offices and Emily will share more details for the Treasurer office. Lets create an email for the treasurer position.

Thursday, March 10th Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

8:30 Meeting Adjourn

Emily Wood moved to adjourn the meeting and Deborah Feldman seconded. All voted to adjourn.