

Hamilton Memorial Library

Trustee Meeting Minutes

9/17/25

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Chair, Karen Savoy

In attendance: Karen Savoy, Linda Koske, Mary Ann Pease, Tammy Merenda, Jane Sutton and Town Administrator Andrew Alward

#1) Minutes from the June 11th meeting were reviewed and approved. Karen signed and they were given to Andrew to deliver to Town Clerk.

#2) Discussion was had regarding shoring up length of Trustee meetings and sporadic due to vacations etc. Try to work on better scheduling.

#3) Tammy had no changes to report on the accounting aspect of the library. Ongoing meetings with Mary Ann and Barabar (accountant) are occurring.

#4) Librarians Report:

Tammy explained the Library of Things.

Setting up a 2nd story time

Tammy gave Finance Committee wish list for the next 5-10 years.

Tammy is applying for the next round of Small and Rural Library Grants. Trying to connect the library across Walker Brook to the town park. Has already secured \$10,000. Grant. Now looking for \$20,000. Grant.

Looking at possible open house in November. HCDC is not having one, this would be a Library Open house only.

Born to read initiative is going well, Town Clerk hands out baby books when people come in to get copies of birth certificates for newborns.

Summer reading program as well as ukulele lessons were a big hit.

Senior Work off is a big help. Would like to have again in the next fiscal year.

Tammy still working on recruiting new trustees and possible friends.

She discussed the library's involvement with Chester's Trunk or Treat. She is sponsoring an inflatable character race.

Aries report is wrapping up and is due in early October.

Tammy mentioned that the wrap around program at Chester Elementary was no longer an option. She was discussing alternative ideas to accommodate the situation and will look into it

In greater detail.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 and everyone participated in farewell party for Jane Sutton who will be leaving the town of Chester at the beginning of October.

MayAnn Pease

Karen Savoy