

/Hamilton Memorial Library

Trustee Meeting Minutes

11/19/2025

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

In attendance: Karen Savoy, Linda Koske, Mary Ann Pease, Tammy Merenda, Maureen Surnier and newly appointed Trustee, Lee Myers.

#1) Minutes of the October 19th meeting were reviewed and approved. Karen signed and she will get them to Town Clerk for posting.

#2) Treasurer Report was reviewed. Tammy explained that they would be using Barnes & Noble for material purchases considering Baker & Taylor closing. On orders a \$1,000 and above we will receive a 30 % discount 25% on orders \$500 and above. Treasurer report approved.

#3) Librarian Report: Tammy would like to start town employee program, reading and filming to children.

Staff in the future will try to set up a table at Chester Elementary during events to promote library.

Tammy will be submitting another small rural accessibility grant application for additional funding for a bridge over Walker Brook to Hampden Street Park. Contacts for Tammy to reach out to were mentioned.

Vote was taken to go with Brown Shades, Funding for this will come out of the donation account.

Door Locks seem to be malfunctioning. Locksmith to investigate this. Suggested using the back-room space for student study space. Due to temperature issues it would have to be a seasonal room.

Tammy is working on an oral history of towns people with grant funding she received. She was given several names to start with.

Tammy to attend staff meetings once a month which is outside her normal work schedule. She will be paid to attend these meetings.

Old Business: Additional items were discovered by John Marge that he feels should be part of the collection of items involving the Cherokee Bowl. Photos will be taken and all documents will

be sent to Cherokee County Historical Society in Murphy NC. We will wait to hear back from them concerning their interest and proceed accordingly.

Tammy will order shades next week.

Additional hours will be placed in the FY 27 budget request.

New Business: Lee Myers was welcomed to board

Maureen will be out the month of December due to Surgery. Trustees will be used as well as part-time staff to cover any shortfalls.

No December meeting, next meeting 1//7/26

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann T. Pease

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