

GFL Trustees Minutes
Friday, Sept. 15, 2:30 pm

Present: Paula Davidson, Shelly Jungwirth, Jennifer Lucas, Beth Meacham, John Miller, Rose Modry, Sharon Putney, Carol Reynolds, Fan Watkinson **Remote:** Tony Acheson

1. Approved 7/31/23 Minutes

2. Librarian's Report accepted after discussion

- Winter Place Making Grant (due Oct 16) awards up to \$4k for community programming focused on accessibility, safety and senior appeal; while possibly too late to apply this year, consider applying in '24 with HCA as a partner branch for viewing films
- Create annual grant calendar to track opportunities, deadlines, person responsible and status
- Agree to sign onto [3-4-50](#), a state wide program to encourage healthy workplaces and patrons
- Summer Program takeaways-Fellowship Hall effective for larger groups, hotter days, easier access; good attendance for programs on Wednesdays at 5 pm; known children programs and adult speakers draw more; vetted speakers through Humanities Council funding are well received

3. Treasurer's Report approved after discussion of financial statements and notes

- Generally tracking with '23 budget; no major concerns to address
- October meeting - need to review '24 budget (as with grants, shall we create Trustees calendar with monthly deadlines for various responsibilities?)

4. Facilities Report

- Approved dehumidifier purchase for \$2200 to dry basement as health priority
- need to set Saturday date in October to clear out basement, followed by foaming and window replacement in FY '24 (funded by MERC grant?)
- Approved ADA ramp expenditure for \$13k from \$250k unrestricted funds; Beth to finalize next steps with contractor and address plan to add shield to ramp railing
- Driveway resurfacing is pending (2 days: Mon/Tues), coordinated by town and Altmans
- Gutter project- Beth will approach town for gutter funding from \$20k set aside for buildings
- Maker space - need to clear out/reorganize before deciding if/when to pursue engineering study

5. Logo Redesign

- Fan will start a document with draft design direction to share with Hazen Union students

6. Fundraising Newsletter

- Paula will create a draft to be finalized in October for early November mailing.

7. Programs Report

- Approved art loan agreement as drafted by Sharon
- Approved Art display policy as drafted by Sharon
- Upcoming - Oct: Memoir class; Jan: Conversational Spanish; July/Aug: Lynn Holbein watercolor

8. Friends of the Library Working Group

- Naomi Ranz-Schleifer and Shelly Jungwirth joined Tony, Fan, Rose and Becky Arnold in this group.
- Met 8/28 to identify core functions of the library and brainstorm ways GFL collaborates with the school, selectboard and HCA, intergenerationally. Not focused on fundraising and volunteer base.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Friday, October 20, 3:30 pm

Adjournment at 4:48 pm/Submitted by Fan Watkinson, Secretary