

J.A. Tarbell Library
Minutes
April 3, 2023

Bob Rogers
Sally Curran
Lou Sorrentino
Brenda Cassidy
Ann Harkleroad

Bob called the meeting to order at 2:20.

The March minutes were accepted as printed.

- Treasurer's Report:
- There is \$18,456.72 in the non-town account.
 - With the addition of the \$7,040 check from the town, the town account is now \$14,335.16. It was suggested that we put some of that money in a capital reserve account that can be used with the consent of the Trustees and the Selectmen.
 - Donations and payment for copies brought in \$82.
 - We still are not getting the interest from our trust funds, about \$5,600.
 - The trustees authorized Brenda to order a drop box for books and a second cart. She may also spend money on the Children's Summer Reading Program.
- Librarian's Report:
- Joanne Miller donated a train set that has been very popular.
 - It was decided to have the windows washed every 3 years.
 - Through a grant, the State Library is donating 20 self-help books to all libraries.
 - Host Monster, which hosts the library web site, has raised their rate from \$.99 to \$1.25. Regina was told to continue the service.
- Old Business:
- It was decided to hold off on contacting the high school about a tutoring program until next year since there will be a new administration.
- New Business:
- Brenda will post the Art Exhibit Guidelines and Policy on the library's web site in hopes of encouraging people to display their art, crafts, and other exhibits.
 - Brenda suggested using some of the extended afternoon library hours for children's activities, such as gardening, book groups, Lego, and STEAM activities.
 - Hillstown entered all of their members who responded to a survey in a drawing for a gift card, which increased the number of responses. Brenda will look into the content of the survey with the idea of doing one for our library with the incentive of a gift card.

*The next meeting will
be May 1 at 2:00.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Harkleroad, Secretary