

folks can fill from the sale/Hallway Bookshop

- Together with Thomaston – town volunteer event October 21, we are signed up to have volunteers help us rearrange shelves on lower level to expand Children’s Area

Programs in the works:

- Toby’s afterschool program/teen advisory board with Kendray
- Prose writing group
- Board Game Night
- Movie Nights for grown-ups, with themed food
- Continued partnership with Cushing & other area libraries for author talks & more

Grant Activity

- ALA Libraries Transform Grant – Increasing Accessibility
 - o Community conversation Sept , next steps will officially be determined after that, but assuming we will then be putting out an RFP for architect & contractor to see what renovation of entryway can be done within our budget of \$20K
- Maine DECD/State Library Remote Work Through Libraries grant.
 - o Awarded \$7,000 for technology & furniture to make the conference room usable as a remote working space as well as our typical uses. This is a three-year grant, so I am holding off on starting any part of this project until the elevator is repaired and the rentals of the 2nd floor space of the Academy Building are sorted out – we may be switching to one of the spaces currently rented by the church.

Budget

The surplus from FY23 will certainly come in handy since Toby will be staying on with us and developing the afterschool program as well as addressing some of the staffing needs raised by strategic planning. Since I have continued to budget for an additional position with 10 hours per week for the last couple of years, there’s more than enough with the surplus to cover his salary for up to 20 hours per week. I believe the additional services and programs we’ll be offering will go a long way to making an argument with the town to increase our municipal appropriation next year!

Chowdah Fest: - Update

Strategic Planning – Update

Endowment – If any – Greg

Comments, Questions, Concerns, Problems, or Praise:

- Adjournment at X:xx pm
- **The Next Meeting is XXX 2023, at 5pm**

Motion to adjourn –
xxx/yyy – Folks
hung up or voted
with their feet

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Hamlin, Secretary