

Weston Public Library Board Meeting August 4, 2015

PRESENT: Amy Sanborn, Lynne Langlois, Harriette Heller, Rick Ross, Michael Bellacosa, Anne Hunt and Director Karen Tatarka

ABSENT: Denis Toner, Barbara Groves and Pam Kersey

Chairman Sanborn called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

SPACE PLANNING

The State Bond Commission approved our grant and the money will be released per the terms of the grant.

The Selectmen have approved having Gayle Weinstein sign the Phase 2 contract with Peter Gisolfi Associates when it is finalized.

The Building Committee does not need to review the final contract. PGA will present to the Board when the contract is signed.

Provisions for payment on the project are being discussed.

The Board is being asked to consider working on the Children's Room. Asbestos tile abatement requires re-doing the flooring. An added expense is consideration of the same low-energy fixtures to match the rest of the library. This would insure that at a future date, the fixtures would match throughout the library.

Addressing the issue of wiring to provide a better internet connection might be advisable. Further, there is asbestos glue affixing the insulation to the exterior wall behind shelving in the original portion of the Children's Room that needs to be remediated. The Building Committee asked if the glue could be encapsulated but it cannot because of the HVAC ductwork. To cover the floor, additional carpet squares need to be purchased to insure that if the stacks need to be moved in the future, there are matching tiles available. The cost of these projects will be around \$60,000.

Member Bellacosa moved that the projected budget of between \$600,000-800,000 be increased to \$660,000-\$860,000 to include the incremental work in the Children's Room. Member Heller seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The Historic District Commission will discuss whether the Library Board needs to go before it with any proposed changes (exterior) to the Library the next time it meets. If the Library needs to appear before the HDC, we will need to supply the appropriate documents before any decision can be made.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Committee needs to create a new three year plan. Current member of the Committee are Members Bellacosa, Ross and Heller. Members of the IT department of the schools, Craig Tunks and Kosta Myzithras, have asked to be included in planning because they may have some helpful ideas.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tatarka sent out her report and the Fourth Quarter Report in advance via e-mail for Board approval.

The Friends would like help to finance a Marc Berger concert. Member Bellacosa moved that the Board help to support the Friends concert for up to \$250. Member Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On another Library matter, the Director reported a difficult discussion that appeared on Facebook. The thread was removed by the moderator. The Director is exploring holding a staff training workshop with an outside facilitator to discuss patron relations.

FRIENDS

The New Yorker program will be resuming in September. Fewer issues will be purchased to reduce the expense and the Friends will no longer be paying for set up and take down; to be done by the Town. There are 26 sessions costing \$215 per session at a total cost to the Library Board of \$ 2,795. The group had been asked about night sessions or Sunday afternoons. This is the only program of its kind in Weston and “runs itself,” requiring limited Library staff time commitment. The group is composed of approximately 23 mostly retired, very intellectual members. It has been suggested that members contribute \$5 per session to defray costs. Chairman Sanborn moved that the Board conditionally fund the New Yorker program through December 2015 and suggested a discussion with the Friends about members contributing \$5 per session, exploring expanding to Sunday afternoons and investigate incremental funding options to defray the cost. Member Ross seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

PROGRAMS

Member Bellacosa reported that he had talked with Dr. Manning and that an astronomy program was being considered for September 18. The sense of the meeting was that the time frame was too close and that a date in April or early May would be better.

MINUTES

Member Bellacosa moved to accept the June minutes. Member Ross seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Member Heller moved to accept the July minutes. Member Ross seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

A copy of the Director’s Report will be attached to the July minutes.

Member Ross moved to adjourn. Member Bellacosa seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Sanborn adjourned the meeting at 10:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Hunt, Secretary

Approved October 6, 2015