

Weston Public Library Board
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2012

7:45 PM, Library Conference Room

Present: Library Board members Michael Bellacosa, Joan Henderson, Anne Hunt, Lynne Langlois, Ellen Mason, Sherry Pallay, Amy Sanborn, Denis Toner; Director Karen Tatarka

Meeting called to order by Chairman Amy Sanborn at 7:50 PM.

Treasurer's Report:

- Kindles were purchased for the Library.

Endowment Fund:

- Director Tatarka will explore whether the current insurance policy covers the Library sculptures and art book collection. Member Langlois will investigate whether it would be advisable to have the collection appraised.
- Discussion concerned the use of the Vitale Bequest.

Policies:

- Chairman Sanborn presented a revised form of the *Policy on Use of Community and Conference Rooms*. A motion was put forth by Member Hunt, second by Member Mason, to approve the documents as amended. The vote was unanimous.
- Chairman Sanborn suggested that guidelines be established to address donations of art offered to the Library by members of the community.

Director's Report:

- The town has begun the process of replacing the furnace. The eaves of the building will be repainted at the town's expense.
- Director Tatarka will explore the cost of fixing the water fountains, and the cost of hiring an exterminator for the current insect problem.
- Three student interns will be graduating this semester and three new students will be hired.
- The gate count for June was 4780, an increase from 4456 in May. The facilities use by outside groups was 28, down from 31. The fax machine was used ten times over the past month.
- Director Tatarka and Member Toner have begun to review the Kaestle Boos report in order to develop a systematic plan to maintain the Library building and operational needs.

Technology Planning:

- The Interim Technology Plan was distributed to the Library Board members for their review. Member Bellacosa suggested that an additional shorter version should be written that would be easier for the public to review although both would be made available.
- A motion was put forth by Member Hunt, second by Member Bellacosa, to approve the Technology Vision statement as amended.
- Two new computers were ordered for the front desk. The new Kindles are circulating. Director Tatarka will consider purchasing the Kindle Fire 2 in December when it is released to the public.
- Director Tatarka is negotiating with ProQuest to purchase Ancestors.com
- Director Tatarka will schedule a site visit with MediaScapes, as well as exploring an additional vendor.
- Director Tatarka will explore the option of establishing Internet access through Cable Vision or another service so the Library could have separate access from the town.
- Chairman Sanborn suggested inviting a speaker to the Library that would review the variety of technological devices relevant to books.

Friends:

- Discussion concerned the desire by the Friends to hold a fundraiser during the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Library building. Board members were opposed to a fundraiser associated with this event. The Board unanimously agreed to underwrite all of the events for the fiftieth anniversary celebration.

Minutes:

- A motion was put forth by Member Langlois, second by Member Hunt, to approve the April minutes as corrected. The vote was unanimous.

Old Business

- The Charter Revision is moving forward.
- A Bylaws Committee was formed to review and revise the Bylaws. Members will include Sanborn, Pallay and Director Tatarka.
- The coffee committee will meet for the final time on June 20.

New Business

- The Board agreed that the cash prize for the Ella Gifford Award should remain at \$150 and be given to only one student.

The next Board meeting will be on September 4 since several members will be on vacation during the summer months. A summer meeting will be called if an issue arises.

On a motion by Member Langlois, second by Toner, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Pallay
Secretary