

## Weston Public Library Board

### Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 pm.

In Attendance: Chairman Amy Sanborn, Joan Henderson, Barbara Groves, Richard Ross, Michael Bellacosa, Anne Hunt, Director Karen Tatarka, Denis Toner

Absent: Sherry Pallay, Lynne Langolis

A letter from Barbara Roland was read thanking the board for participating in Speak Up 2013.

#### Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer will report next month on various accounts.

#### Endowment Fund

- There was a follow up discussion about oversight and management of the Vitale bequest.
- Amy is in touch with the Roxbury treasurer about their investment practices.
- Dennis spoke with TD Bank about a short-term holding place for the money, pending a decision from the town.

#### Budget

- Denis will attend the Board of Selectmen's presentation of the budget to the Board of Finance on Monday, March 11.
- Denis and Karen will transmit statistics to the Board of Finance.

#### Director's Report

- The possibility of the governor's proposed CCARD funding reduction was discussed.
- Karen will see how Wilton and Norwalk are handling the above.
- The state library has changed the contract for free data bases.
- Forty-one outside groups met here in February.
- The February gate count was 4,082.
- The present security alarm company has been unresponsive to updating our system. Switching alarm companies is being considered.

#### Technology Planning

We have new electronic resources:

- World language – We evaluated five companies
- ZINIO, offering 10 magazines, will be launched April 1.
- Indie Flicks (to be launched in April), will stream 10,000 movies of Cannes and Sundance caliber to library and home computers by the end of the year.
- Blind Date with a Book met with good response.
- Weston Education Foundation, non-profit, and town agencies are working on better marketing strategies.

#### Space Planning

- Anne Hunt will call the committee together to select a chair or meeting coordinator.

#### Friends

- The War of 1812 lecture series (two here, two at the historical society) attracted 160 attendees.
- Forty children attended *Frankenweenie*.
- Seventy people attended Take Your Child to the Library Day, which included the well-received *Music for Aardvarks*.
- The digital sign arrived, and all features will be used when wiring is updated.
- Karen got a good lead from Sharon regarding library website changes and will talk to Rick about updates.

#### Minutes

- A motion was made by Mr. Ross and Mrs. Hunt to approve the minutes as amended. It was unanimous with the abstention of Barbara Groves.

#### Old Business

- A defibrillator will be installed at a cost of \$1,750.
- There will be a Paris-inspired piano concert on May 5.

#### New Business

- November 2013 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library building. The board will contact the Friends to discuss events for the occasion.
- The astronomy series is continuing.
- A speaker on the Second Amendment is being considered.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Groves

