

Weston Public Library Board Meeting April 6, 2015

PRESENT: Chairman Amy Sanborn, Lynne Langlois, Harriette Heller, Barbara Groves, Denis Toner, Pam Kersey, Michael Bellacosa, Anne Hunt and Director Karen Tatarka

ABSENT: Rick Ross

Chairman Sanborn called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Toner handed out the third quarter Treasurer's Report. He explained that "Feasibility Study" refers to Peter Gisolfi Associates. The library mugs have sold well.

Member Kersey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Member Groves seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Member Bellacosa abstaining.

BUDGET

Chairman Sanborn discussed the proposed Town capital budget for library renovation of \$360,000 which was presented to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance is scheduled to meet again tomorrow night to deliberate the budget.

SPACE PLANNING

The Space Planning Committee met last week and scheduled a meeting with the Building Committee. PGA is revising the budget that was proposed. The remediation of asbestos tile and the PCBs in the windows extends into the Children's Room and therefore needs to be considered in the work that is to be done. If the carpet tiles that need to be removed cannot be replaced, there are no spare tiles available. The lighting in the Children's Room is under consideration to be changed to coordinate with the main library. Although it's an added expense to the project because of the quantity of fixtures involved, we would get a break on the price. The sense of the Board was to address both issues at the same time as the main library renovation.

The State Bonding Commission meets on May 30. We may try to be included on its agenda to have our project approved and the release of the grant money. We will also meet with the Building Committee to get their approval of the work to be done on the windows and the asbestos tiles.

Chairman Sanborn explained that the job cannot go out to bid until after the Annual Town Budget Meeting. It is possible that given the timing of finalizing the renovation budget and scope of work, we may not be able to start the project this summer. In that case, we may be able to do some interior work this fall and the window work next summer.

BOARD GOVERNED FUNDS

Chairman Sanborn had nothing to report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

First Selectman Weinstein would like the Board to attend the Selectmen's meeting on May 7.

POLICIES

There was nothing to report.

FRIENDS

The Friends have elected new officers for the coming year. Currently, they are working on programs.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tatarka said Tom Landry has been informed about the Board's concern about the branches on the library roof.

PSI has been through the library looking at the bookcases determining which ones are attached to the walls.

Cardno found asbestos in the glue holding the insulation to the walls. They are coming back to check the window frames. Currently, we are expecting to just replace the glass but if the frames are not compliant, the window project will have to be shelved.

Director Tatarka is working with Tom Landry and the Public Works department to repair the masonry on the stone walls.

The gate count for March was 5,350, down 3.7% from last year. The circulation was 3,616, higher than last March.

The room reservations in March were the highest to date, up 38%.

We are hoping to replace Anna later this month.

Director Tatarka urged Board members to write to their representatives to urge them not to cut funding for the State Library. In particular, this would affect CLC and Connecticut.

The poetry workshop the Friends are hosting is off to a good start.

The Tech Tips series will have a representative coming to give tips on identity theft.

Minecraft will be meeting for the last time this year. There will be brush bot races and a raffle using items built with the 3-D printer.

PROGRAMS

The Historical Society is developing a project, Weston Voices. They are hoping to interview 12 long-time local residents. The proposed budget is just under \$7,000. Other sponsors will include the Weston Education Foundation and may include the Friends, Seniors and the Commission on Aging. The consensus of the Board was not to support the project because we are stretched with our own renovation project and it not a project with which we will play any role. For the same

reason, the upcoming Historical Society's Landmark Homes project was also not supported for financial support.

The New Yorker program funding was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Hunt announced that she will be out of town for the next Board meeting.

Member Langlois moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Kersey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hunt
Secretary

Approved 5/5/15