

Weston Public Library Board Meeting October 7, 2014

PRESENT: Chairman Amy Sanborn, Lynne Langlois, Rick Ross, Harriette Heller, Barbara Groves, Anne Hunt and Director Karen Tatarka

GUEST: Pam Kersey

ABSENT: Denis Toner and Michael Bellacosa

Chairman Sanborn called the meeting order at 7:56 PM. She requested that a change in order be made to the agenda. Member Langlois wanted to discuss further daffodil planting on the hillside. After the Director's Report, Chairman Sanborn wanted to discuss policies.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Toner was traveling so there was no report. A bill has been received from Peter Gisolfi Associates for \$5,160. Treasurer Toner has been authorized to pay the bill.

DAFFODIL PLANTINGS

Member Langlois proposed doubling the number of bulbs currently planted in the hillside along the library in memory of Franc Vitale. Director Tatarka pointed out that the Town is currently assessing where to put the new septic system for the new police building and there has been digging along that side of the library. For that reason, the discussion of further plantings was tabled for a year.

BOARD GOVERNED FUNDS

Chairman Sanborn said there was nothing to discuss at this time.

SPACE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Chairman Sanborn announced that the State Grant application had been filed in August. In September, Director Tatarka was contacted for further information. The State Board is due to meet in October and we will have a decision in November.

The Strategic Planning Committee has been reviewing the surveys and forum results. These comments will be used to inform and develop long-term library goals. Director Tatarka requested that these results be shared with the library staff.

Chairman Sanborn thanked the committee for all their work so far.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A change in the current alarm company is under consideration. Our current company is located in Middletown which is too far away to receive an acceptable level of customer support.

The gate count for September was 4,968, an increase of 3.5% over last year.

Circulation is up 5.8% over last year.

Miss Joy held her third Touch a Truck. She will be holding her annual Monster Mash Summer Reading party the Wednesday before Halloween.

Minecraft, Movie Night and SCORE are all continuing this month.

Director Tatarka has been interviewing part-time candidates and hopefully someone will be chosen by the end of the week.

The annual report to FLAG has been completed and the State report is due next month.

Director Tatarka handed out the first quarter report and reviewed it with the Board.

Director Tatarka discussed the nature of subscribing to the Hoopla! movie database. This will require additional discussion as the cost to the Library is structured on a pay per download basis.

Discussion continues regarding the acquisition of a 3-D printer. Herschel and Hamilton have suggested a Smartrap printer. Because it is a European printer additional research is required. They are willing to provide the necessary training regarding use of the printer Member Langlois moved that the Board spend up to \$1,000 to purchase a 3-D printer subject to consulting with Member Ross. Member Groves seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The policies for 3-D printer usage will have to be developed.

POLICIES

Chairman Sanborn proposed reviewing policies a few at a time. She requested Board members sign up for various committees:

Budget: Chairman Sanborn and Member Langlois

Policies

Strategic Planning: Member Bellacosa

By-Laws

Technology

Personnel

She will be sending an e-mail to all members to volunteer for the various committees.

FRIENDS

The bill for the New Yorker program still hasn't been received. The Friends are sorting out some issues with the New Yorker. Their request to us for funding will be forthcoming.

The WWI programs have been a huge success. Over 700 people have attended the various programs.

The Lunch and Learn series will focus on i-Pads tomorrow.

There will be a flu clinic on Thursday in the Community Room from 9:30-11:30 AM.

Programming:

SCORE will be covering e-Bay usage.

Animal Embassy will return on October 11.

Minecraft will meet on Sunday.

On October 30, Lisa Wexler will be presenting a program about Probate judges.

MINUTES

Member Ross moved to accept the minutes as amended. Member Heller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder that the piano concert will be October 19 at 3:00 PM. Barbara Groves graciously volunteered to handle refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS

The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 3.

Member Ross moved to adjourn. Member Groves seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hunt
Secretary

Approved November 3, 2014