

# **Wells Public Library Board of Trustees**

## **Minutes: Wednesday February 9, 2022**

**Present:** Amy Anderson, Maureen Conners, Jim Purdy, Peter Masucci, Alice Schleiderer, Debra Flot, Elise La Plante, Deb LaPointe, Dean Robinson, Elise LaPlante, Cindy Appleby, Director, Allison Herman, Assistant Director.

**Absent:** n/a

Maureen, President opened the meeting via zoom at 6:01 pm.

**Correspondence/Communication:** None

**Minutes of November 10th:** Amy made a motion to approve with a second by Jim and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Peter presented the financials. He noted that the YTD budget is defined to be 51% and actual used is 48%. Jim made a motion to approve, second was Debra. The motion carried.

**Director's Report:** Cindy and Allison gave an update on services being provided for both youth and adult services.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Friends of the Library (FOL)** – Jim reported that income for this month was \$359.20 which included membership fees and book sales. Total assets are stated to be \$75,426.30. They are currently working on clearing out old books and possibly donating them to other agencies that can use them. Jim also reported that FOL is prepared to install a new bench in the rear of the building as the current bench is in poor condition. They are looking at pricing and design at this time.

**Old Business:** Cindy has been in contact with the attorneys handling the Prendergast estate and they have indicated that the total donation to the Well Public Library Foundation will be \$192,930.28. She will continue to communicate directly with the law firm to move through the donation process.

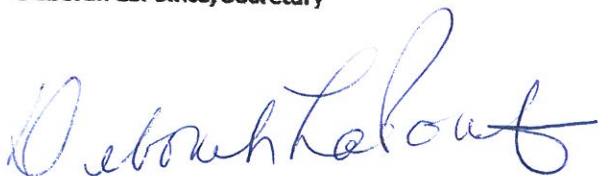
### **New Business:**

- ❖ Cindy informed the board that the mailbox can not be fixed/replaced so arrangements have been made for USPS to come into the building to deliver the mail moving forward.
- ❖ The Library budget for the next fiscal year will be presented to the Town budget committee next week (February 16th at 5 pm).
- ❖ Amy reminded the board that the Board Development committee should consider reviewing what if any board seats may be vacant this year. The committee will begin discussions in the coming weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah LaPointe, Secretary



**WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**January MONTHLY REPORT**  
**Prepared for the February 9th Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Youth Services:**

- We presented Mother Goose Storytime 4 times. We had a total audience of 65.
- We did 7 Toddler Storytimes and had one cancellation. We presented to 191 people.
- Our Rubik's Cube/Lego Club met 3 times and had one cancellation with 19 people total.
- On January 5 Meghan led 17 teens in creating marbled pencils.
- On January 12, 22 teens made asymmetrical pencil holders with newspaper.
- Retro YA Gaming Tournament was held on January 19 with 17 kids participating.
- 21 teens watched a movie and had snacks on January 26.
- Our Arctic Party on January 27 drew a crowd of 17.
- Allison went to WES After-Care on 2 separate occasions, presenting to 72 people.
- A Joyful Noise Kindergarten located in Kennebunkport came for 2 storytimes in January, with 14 people total.

**Adult Services:**

- The Fiber Arts group met three times in January with a total of 22 attendees. January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled due to snow.
- French Club met twice in January with a total of 16 attendees. 9 attended the virtual session on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7 in person on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Nonfiction Book Club met in January to discuss *Lights Out* by Ted Koppel and had 4 attendees. It was decided to move this group to virtual discussions for February and March.
- Wishful Reading Book Club met in January to discuss *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley and had 6 attendees. This group will continue to meet in person.
- On January 10<sup>th</sup> there was the first of the Adult Crafternoons and we made beeswax food wraps. There were 8 attendees.

**Building:**

- Screen blew off window during blizzard and was taken in for repairs
- Solicited three quotes for painting the staff work area

**Budget:**

- Allison and Cindy selected furniture for the deck using ARSL funds which will be delivered in July

**Donations:**

- Miscellaneous: \$27, no restrictions

**Policy:**

**Staff:**

**Technology:**

**Other:**

- Circulation: 5727 (666 Cloud Library, 112 Kanopy)

- Door Count: 3663
- Library was closed Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> due to weather

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Appleby  
Library Director