

Wells Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes 4/13/22

Present: Amy Anderson, Peter Masucci, Allison Herman, Elise LaPlante, Alice Schleiderer, Dean Robinson, Debra Flot, Jim Purdy, Cindy Appleby, Maureen Connors.

Absent: Deborah LaPointe

Wells Public Library Community Room

1. Call to Order 6:05 by Maureen.
2. No communication/correspondence
3. Minutes of March 2022 were approved, motion by Amy, all in favor.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Will reduce number of active bank accounts from 4 to 2.
5. Presentation by Liana Kingsbury from MCF
 - a. Explained different fund types that are managed by MCF. Nonprofit agency funds are intended for long-term growth (10-20 years) Fee is .8% on the principal.
 - b. Discussion about moving savings account to MCF with higher return.
6. Discussion about moving the recent bequests and the current savings account to an agency fund with MCF.
 - a. Amy made a motion that we take both bequests (Kingston and Prendergast), and any savings that the foundation decided to add to the agency fund with MCF.
Second by Jim. All in favor.
7. Motion to approve the treasurer report by Amy. Second by Alice. All in favor.
8. Directors Report
 - a. Allison reported on the many youth programs at the library.
 - b. Cindy reported on the many adult programs at the library and updates on building projects, including completed painting of the back staff room and new picnic table delivery.
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. Friends of the Library (Jim): Approved purchase and install of 2 new benches.
FOL will be holding a staff and volunteer luncheon in May. Outdoor book sales at the library will be held this summer, dates TBD.
10. Fine free policy starts Tuesday May 31st. There will be no more overdue fines. If a book is damaged or lost, payment is expected. At 4 weeks overdue, patron will receive notice

that they will be charged for the item. When it is returned, that will be wiped clean.
Looking into how this will be communicated.

- a. Amy moves that we accept the fine-free policy as presented by the director of the library to start May 31st. Second by Peter. All in favor.
11. Policy committee will need to meet to rewrite the fine policy.
12. Beach pass signup online at the library will start in May. Computers will have the signup link on the desktop. May 6th and 13th, passes will be available to be purchased in-person 2-5:30pm.
13. Selectboard approved the budget and it will be on the ballot in June.
14. Incident report: after multiple incidents, an individual was asked to not return for 3 months. Will be allowed to return in July.
15. Director's evaluation should be completed in June.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Maureen.

Respectfully Submitted,


Elise LaPlante

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

Youth Services:

- We presented Mother Goose Storytime 3 times. We had a total audience of 66.
- We did 5 Toddler Storytimes and had 2 cancellations. We presented to 199 people.
- Our Rubik's Cube/Lego Club met twice and had 2 cancellations with 11 people total.
- On February 2 Meghan led 18 teens in using watercolors to paint their initials.
- On February 9, 17 teens made pom poms using only yarn.
- YA Gaming Tournament was held on February 16 with 14 kids participating.
- We had a Crafternoon program for kids and their families on February 22 with 55 attendees.
- Juggler Bryson Lang entertained 136 people on February 23 – the first year BJ Hickman was unable to come in a loooong time!
- Our Year of the Tiger Party on February 24 drew a crowd of 11.
- Allison and Meghan went to WES After-Care on 3 separate occasions, presenting to 103 people.
- A Joyful Noise Kindergarten located in Kennebunkport came for 2 storytimes in February, with 15 people total.

Adult Services:

- The Fiber Arts group met four times in February with a total of 34 attendees. Although the library was closed on two Fridays in February, this group still met remotely via Zoom.
- French Club met twice in February with a total of 19 attendees. Ten attended the virtual session on the 3rd and nine in person on the 17th.
- The Nonfiction Book Club met in February to discuss *Lincoln's Last Trial* by Dan Abrams and had 10 attendees who met via Zoom.
- Wishful Reading Book Club met in February to discuss *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline and had four attendees. This group will continue to meet in person.
- On February 3rd Jeanne Gamage provided instruction for the Adult Crafternoon of Chinese Brushpainting. Registration was completely full, and we had a total of 12 people.
- On February 24th Chris Pittman presented a program on UFOs that was well attended and engaging. The program had a total of 12 attendees.
- AARP has been using the Community Room to provide free tax aid on Tuesdays since February 1st and has processed 81 returns so far.

Building: None

Budget:

- Cindy appeared before the budget committee on February 16 and answered questions regarding the FY23 budget and CIP for a new circulation desk

Donations:

- Miscellaneous: \$30, no restrictions
- Kennebunk Savings Bank Employee Appreciation of Patrick Theriault: \$75

Policy: None

Staff:

- Cindy attended two webinars; one on helping homeless people and one on freedom to read and book banning

Technology: None

Other:

- Circulation: 5317 (550 Cloud Library, 104 Kanopy)
- Door Count: 3028
- Story Walk at the Harbor was damaged in the Jan. 29th blizzard and two panels' covers were blown off. The story has been taken down and a new one will be installed once spring is here and panel covers are being repaired.
- Library was closed due to weather on Friday, February 4th and 25th

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Appleby
Library Director