

Wells Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes: Wednesday June 8, 2022

Present: Amy Anderson, Maureen Conners, Jim Purdy, Peter Mascucci, Elise La Plante, Alice Schleiderer, Debra Flot, Elise La Plante, Deb LaPointe, Dean Robinson, Cindy Appleby, Director,

Absent: Allison Herman, Assistant Director.

Maureen, President opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Correspondence/Communication: None

Minutes of May 11th: Dean made a motion to approve with second by Peter, and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Peter presented the financials. He noted that the YTD budget is defined to be 84% and actual used is 80.4%. Amy made a motion to approve, second was Alice. The motion carried.

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

Committee Reports:

- ❖ Friends of the Library (FOL) – Jim reported the following:
 - Income for the month was \$278.99 and expenses were \$354.38. Total assets YTD are \$70,430.74.
 - Nancy Asbedian has been named the FOL Liaison to the WPL foundation.
 - The FOL is planning on participating in the summer reading kickoff and the Wells Harborfest to help bring attention to their efforts to support the library.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- ❖ The WPL Board of Trustees began the process of updating their library board manuals.
- ❖ Summer reading will begin registration on June 15th with a kickoff celebration on the 18th and program launch on June 20th. This Summer's theme will be "Oceans of Possibilities!"
- ❖ Cindy shared that Bill Giroux has been chosen as the interim Town manager and that the search process for a permanent replacement has begun.
- ❖ It was noted that the next town meeting will be held on June 14th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah LaPointe, Secretary



WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
May MONTHLY REPORT
Prepared for the June 8th Board of Trustees Meeting

Youth Services:

- We presented Mother Goose Storytime 4 times. We had a total audience of 78.
- We did 8 Toddler Storytimes. We presented to 179 people.
- Our Rubik's Cube/Lego Club met 4 times with 7 people total.
- On May 4, Meghan led 15 teens in watercolor bookmark painting.
- On May 11, 18 teens made clay cactus desk decorations.
- YA Gaming Tournament was held on May 18 with 17 kids participating.
- Meghan held a YA Beginning-of-Summer Party on May 25 for 17 teens.
- Our Police Officer and Firefighter Party on May 26 drew a crowd of 93. A rousing success!
- Allison and Meghan went to WES After-Care on 4 separate occasions, presenting to 148 people.
- 707 students from Wells Elementary either came to hear Allison speak about the upcoming Summer Reading Program, or they heard her speak at the school.
- A Joyful Noise Kindergarten located in Kennebunkport came for their final 2 storytimes in May, with 14 people total.

Adult Services:

- The Fiber Arts group met four times in May with a total of 29 attendees.
- French Club met two times in May with a total of 17 attendees. The group decided to return to weekly meetings in June but to keep the last meeting of the month as a Zoom program.
- The Nonfiction Book Club met in May to discuss *Bicycling with Butterflies* by Sarah Dykman and had 0 attendees.
- Wishful Reading Book Club met in May to discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah and had 0 attendees. Due to the decreasing attendance of Wishful Reading, it will be on hiatus over the summer and restart in September.
- Great Decisions unfortunately had to cancel their May meeting due to illness.
- May 5th was Wild Foraging for Spring Mushrooms which was wildly popular and had 26 people in attendance. It was suggested that we have this group back to do a fall foraging program.
- May 17th we had Bill Berlinghoff speak about his family connection to Vaudeville and in particular the William Morris Agency. Even though staff were very interested, unfortunately there was no turn out for this program.
- May 26th was the Crafternoon Macra-May! And there were 9 attendees as well as a new volunteer, Karen Simpson.
- May 31st was Cribbage Game Night at the library and had 6 people attend.

Building:

- New columns were installed at the front entrance
- New window was installed in staff work area
- New benches, courtesy of the Friends of the Library, were installed outside the backdoor
- Exterior painting of cupola, rake, soffit, and over main entrance was completed

Budget:

- None

Donations:

- MCF Funds: \$1660 for Gordon, Sauter, Stackhouse and Nelson fund purchases
- Trudy Sanna: \$100 for activity kits

Policy:

- Fine free policy implemented May 31st

Staff:

- Allison attended Climate Change and Libraries presented by MLA over Zoom on May 13
- Stef attended MLA conference on May 23rd and presented on Intergenerational Programming with Nissa Flanagan of Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham and Deb Clark of Maine State Library Region 1. She also attended programs about the delivery issues lately with Freedom Xpress, senior volunteers in libraries, how to conduct a wage analysis and advocate for library staff, and spoke to several vendors, including our contact at Thorndike Press. The most rewarding part of the whole day was seeing 5th grader Evelyn Adelson awarded Outstanding Library Advocate for her courage to speak at several public forums in York over the request to remove "It's Perfectly Normal" from library collections.
- Tess Schuster started as library cataloguer on May 31st

Technology:

- None

Other:

- Circulation: 5404 (546 Cloud Library, 27 Kanopy)
- Door Count: 3963

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Appleby
Library Director