

Wells Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes: Wednesday July 13, 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 6:04 pm.

Correspondence/Communication: None

Minutes of June 8th: Amy made a motion to approve with second by Alice, and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Peter presented the financials. He noted that the YTD budget is defined to be 100% (yearend) and actual for the library will be close to the budget but slightly below. Cindy mentioned she was waiting for a few outstanding invoices. Alice made a motion to approve with second by Amy. 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 of June was \$2,442.25 and expenses were \$2,438.31. Total assets for the year were \$67,696.40.
 - The FOL is planning on participating in the Harbor fest on August 6th and will be holding a book sale in the Community room in August.
- ❖ Policy Committee - A request came in recently from a member of the Fiber Arts Group to sell yarn as a method of raising funds for Ukraine. The Policy Committee reviewed the current WPL Room Use Agreement and recommended that the policy reflect that the room may not be used for fundraising unless it is to benefit the library. Alice made a motion to approve the amended Room Use Agreement policy with a second from Deb. The motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- ❖ Cindy requested that the Wells Public Library be closed on the following Saturdays:
 - September 3rd, November 26th and December 24th
- Alice made a motion to approve with a second from Dean. The motion carried.
- ❖ Cindy announced that the columns located at the front entrance are now complete.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah LaPointe, Secretary



WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
June MONTHLY REPORT
Prepared for the July 13th Board of Trustees Meeting

Youth Services:

- We presented Mother Goose Storytime twice. We had a total audience of 34.
- We held two Books at the Beach storytimes. We presented to 103 people.
- Our Rubik's Cube/Lego Club met 4 times with 7 people total.
- Crafty Kids met 2 times with 74 participants total.
- Our Summer Reading Kick-off event featuring Steve Corning on June 18 had 110 people in attendance.
- Allison and Sarah went to Scoop Deck for a storytime on June 23, presenting to 31 people.
- 82 people came on June 24 for a presentation by Chewonki.
- On June 30, our Zoom program teaching us how to draw ocean animals with Rick Stromoski drew a crowd of 18.

Adult Services:

- The Fiber Arts group met four times in June with a total of 23 attendees.
- French Club met five times in June with a total of 32 attendees. The group has decided to completely switch back to meeting in person weekly.
- The Nonfiction Book Club met in June to discuss *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson and had 6 attendees.
- Wishful Reading Book Club met in June to discuss *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt and had 2 attendees.
- Great Decisions in June had 9 attendees for a discussion of Changing Demographics and Climate Change
- June 7th we had Linda Grenfell do an outdoor talk about Wonderful Weeds and edible plants. There were 3 attendees. This was a registration program and while I had several people sign up, many of the registrants didn't show up.
- June 13th was a Crafternoon where we did Shibori, or Japanese tie-dyeing. There were 15 attendees, and it was very popular. I would like to do this program again maybe next year with a different single color.
- June 15th was the first Farmers' Market in the back parking lot. Tess and Sally manned a table promoting summer reading and the library, and they spoke to 37 people.
- June 23rd was The Maine Loon Project program with a speaker from the Maine Audubon. We had 9 attendees and several people stayed after to talk to the speaker.
- June 28th was Cribbage Game Night at the library and had 7 people attend.
- June 29th, we worked with Cathy Figliolini of the Department of Labor to hold a Maine CareerCenter job fair. They had 7 attendees but would like to schedule another one in the future.

Building:

- Columns were completed!!

Budget:

- FY23 budget was approved at town meeting on June 14th

Donations:

- Miscellaneous donations: \$59 no restrictions
- Gary Serafini: \$30 no restrictions
- Friends Supporting the Wells Public Library: \$2375 quarterly donation

Policy:

- Policy committee met June 22nd to discuss amendment to the room use policy

Staff:

- Allison attended an HR workshop for assistant directors/second in command on June 1.
- Meghan Osmolski, YS Assistant, resigned effective June 27th

Technology:

- Quarterly updates were completed on staff computers

Other:

- Circulation: 7333 (512 Cloud Library, 40 Kanopy)
- Door Count: 4282
- FY22 total circulation: 76,135
- FY22 total door count: 48,837
- FY22 total programs attendance: 9,951
- Summer Reading signups so far: Children-269, Teens-103, Adults-147

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Appleby
Library Director