

Wells Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Present: Amy Anderson, Maureen Conners, Jim Purdy, Peter Masucci, Debra Flot, Darcy Lynch, Elise La Plante, Cindy Appleby, Director, Allison Herman, Asst. Director, Jim Smith, Select Board

Absent: Deb LaPointe, Alice Schleiderer

Maureen Conners, President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Correspondence/Communication: None

Minutes of August 9, 2023 meeting: Motion to approve by Amy. Second by Elise. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Peter. Week 11 (0.21% of fiscal year) and at 21% of budget.

Motion to approve by Amy. Second by Elise. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Allison presented for Youth Services. Cindy presented for Adult Services.

Committee Reports:

1. **Policy:** WIFI hotspot policy changed to one week check out. Motion to approve by Peter. Second by Jim. Motion passed.
2. **Marketing:** To strengthen the committee two members will be added. Darcy and Jim volunteered. Deb L will chair. Cindy will update committee list. The Committee will review and update the committee description, including changing "should meet" to "will meet."

3. **Friends:** Jim presented financials.

August Income: \$855.00
YTD Income: \$23,183.39

August Expenses: \$545.69
YTD Expenses: \$15,724.17

As Friends income is exceeding \$20,000, they are exploring investing with The Maine Charitable Fund. Peter has offered to provide information since we have investments there.

4. National Friends of the Library week is Oct 15-21. Under consideration is an event with a table and information on the Friends. Possibly a 45th anniversary event as well.
5. October book sale theme is "Thrillers." Perfect for Halloween.
6. Promotions: Potential for a Q & A with Maura McElvoy; a local photographer on lobsters; and Laudholm Farm History are all under consideration.

Old Business: Committee assignment document wording changed. Motion to approve by Amy.

Second by Elise. Motion carried.

New Business: Incident Report: Police had to be called for a disturbance in the library.

Resolved without further issue.

Library Trends/News: Allison shared a newsletter from Shrewsbury, MA library regarding inappropriate behavior by youth, and the policies they have instituted.


Additional Agenda Items:

1. Cindy shared the plan for Hurricane Lee.
2. EV Show was a success
3. Library was open on Labor Day Saturday with a door count of 98, and 100 items checked out.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2023

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Flot

Acting Secretary

WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
August MONTHLY REPORT
Prepared for the September 13th Board of Trustees Meeting

Youth Services:

- We presented Mother Goose Storytime 2 times. We had a total audience of 27.
- We held 3 Books at the Beach. We presented to 146 people.
- We had 3 Crafty Kids programs with a total of 56 people.
- Lego Club met 3 times and had 48 participants.
- 30 total students and teachers came on August 1 from WES's Summer Academy.
- Illusionists Steve Corning and Shane Miclon presented to 57 people on August 4.
- Allison and Kayla went to OMAA on August 8 and presented to 15 people. I don't think we will continue this collaboration.
- Santa came on August 10 and read his original story about how he got his job to 53 people.
- Our Annual Cupcake Challenge on August 16 drew a crowd of 78. Three police officers came to judge.
- Allison and Sarah presented a storytime at Scoop Deck on August 17 to 38 people.

Adult Services:

- The Fiber Arts group met 4 times in August with a total of 42 attendees. We have gone back to meeting only in person during the summer.
- French Club was on hiatus in the month of August but is returning on September 7th.
- The Rebooted Fiction Book Club met in August to discuss "Night of the Living Rez" by Morgan Talty. There were 5 attendees, and this title was part of the Read ME program through the Maine Humanities Council.
- Monday, August 14th was a Medicare Drop-In Info Session in partnership with Southern Maine Agency on Aging. The representative assisted one person.
- The Nonfiction Book Club met on Thursday, August 17th. The book was "The Big Oyster" by Mark Kurlansky and there were 2 attendees.
- Tuesday, August 8th was our Adult Crafternoon where we made DIY Bug Repellant Bracelets with cordage and essential oils. There are 8 attendees.
- Stargazing with ASNNE was cancelled due to cloudy weather on August 16th, so we will be trying again on September 13th.
- Tuesday, August 22nd was a drop-in session with the York County Career Center and A4TD to help seniors who are interested in rejoining the workforce. There were 2 attendees, both of whom were new to the area.
- Our biggest program in August was Boppa Chua! With Marc Black on Thursday, August 24th. There were 20 attendees, many singing along with Marc, and it was a really great program.
- Tuesday, August 29th was the monthly Cribbage night and there were 9 attendees.

Building:

- Repair work on the ceiling in the children's area has commenced. Sanding and painting remain to be done.
- The EV chargers are still having problems. Currently two are working and two are not.

Budget:

- None

Donations:

- Jean Holmes: \$100 in memory of Betty Henderson
- Miscellaneous Donations: \$31, no restrictions

Policy:

- None

Staff:

- Staff held their annual end of summer staff meeting at Scoop Deck on August 17th
- Cindy met via Teams with Lauren Grey about the Nexamp bill.
- Cindy attended the York Co. Digital Equity and Inclusion meeting via Zoom.

Technology:

- The new server has arrived, and Logically is working on imaging it and transferring data from the old server

Other:

- Summer Reading ended August 19th. We had a record number of signups across all age groups: 197 adults, 358 children and 147 teens.
- Circulation:

Year	Total	Cloud Library	Kanopy
August 2023	7996	748	66
August 2022	8608	604	55

- Door Count:

Year	Total
August 2023	7036
August 2022	5995

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Appleby
Library Director