

Wells Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes: Wednesday October 12, 2022

Present: Amy Anderson, Maureen Conners, Peter Masucci, Debra Flot, Deb LaPointe, Alice Schleiderer, Dean Robinson, Cindy Appleby, Director, Allison Herman, Assistant Director

Absent: Elise La Plante, Jim Purdy

Maureen, President opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Correspondence/Communication: None

Minutes of September 14th: Alice made a motion to approve with an amendment, A second was offered by Amy, and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Peter presented the financials. He noted that the YTD budget is currently 26% for 14 weeks and the library actual is 23.6%. Alice made the motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Dean and the motion carried.

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

Committee Reports:

❖ Friends of the Library (FOL) – Cindy reported on behalf of Jim Purdy.

- The FOL has scheduled a book sale on October 22nd.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the possibility of a craft fair which has been a key fundraiser in the past and would be held in October of 2023.

Old Business: None

New Business:


- Cindy reported that two incident reports were filed regarding misbehavior in the library. Police were called for one incident and the ambulance was called for the other. In both cases the issues were resolved quickly.
- Cindy shared that the bid(s) were opened for the renovation of the circulation desk. Only one bid was received. Estimated time of completion is in January.
- Cindy was notified that additional bequest money is coming from the Prendergast bequest in the amount of \$7,000. This will be added to the original bequest money which is now in the Maine Community Foundation account.

Additional Agenda Items: Cindy proposed a FOL Budget for their new fiscal year which runs January to December. The amount proposed is \$12,000 which is the same as last year. Alice made the motion to approve with a second by Amy. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah LaPointe, Secretary



WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
September MONTHLY REPORT
Prepared for the October 14th Board of Trustees Meeting

Youth Services:

- We presented Mother Goose Storytime 3 times. We had a total audience of 50.
- We held 7 Toddler Storytimes. We presented to 118 people.
- Our Rubik's and Lego Club met 4 times. There were 18 participants total.
- Kayla presented Super-Secret Spy Mode to 12 teens on September 7.
- On September 14, Kayla challenged 20 teens to help make 1000 paper cranes. We have a little over 30 so far!
- 17 teens had a paper airplane competition on September 21.
- On September 28, Kayla had 17 teens play a version of giant Bananagrams.
- Allison went to Brilliant Bloomers twice and presented storytimes to 26 people.
- Allison and Kayla went to WES After-Care twice and engaged with 114 people.

Adult Services:

- The Fiber Arts group met five times in September with a total of 58 attendees.
- The Nonfiction Book Club met in September to discuss *American Made* by Farah Stockman and had 4 attendees.
- September 8th was an afternoon program at 2pm with Bob Maurais of Mainely Ticks and there were 13 attendees. Bob also left lots of informational bookmarks about ticks for our patrons and left staff with tick removing tweezers for our medicine box.
- September 20th was Everything You Wanted to Know About Beekeeping with Beth Goodwin. She presented about her own experience keeping bees to 8 attendees and finished with a honey tasting of her own honey.
- September 21st was our last stargazing event with ASNNE and there were 13 attendees. Again, we were extremely lucky with weather and had great viewing.
- September 22nd was the Adult Crafternoon making beeswax candles and there were 23 attendees. Afternoon crafts continue to be a big draw.
- September 27th was the monthly Cribbage Game Night and there were 4 attendees.

Building:

- Bids for the circ desk replacement were opened on September 28

Budget:

- None

Donations:

- Friends Supporting the Wells Public Library: \$2375 quarterly commitment
- Miscellaneous Users, \$51, no restrictions

Policy:

- None

Staff:

- Allison virtually attended a PLA webinar on Advancing Access for Library Customers with Sensory Needs on September 7
- Sarah worked on cross-training Sally and Jade on her circulation duties

Technology:

- None

Other:

- Circulation: 6395 (563 Cloud Library, 96 Kanopy)
- Door Count: 7160 (estimated)

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Appleby
Library Director