

July 16, 2015

Wareham Free Library Board of Trustees Meeting

❖ **1. Call to Order**

- 5:32 p.m.
- Roll Call:
 - Head of Reference and Adult Services Deb Rich, Diane O., Melissa D., Wendy Y., Rachel K., Jim M., Roger B., Selectman Judy W., Friend Pricilla

❖ **3. Minutes from Last Meeting**

- No changes
 - Diane O. made a motion to accept minutes; Melissa D. seconded. 7-0-0

❖ **8. Friends And Foundation**

- Peter Dunlap? From council on aging will muster surveys starting Saturday
- Great book sale! \$1231 with \$78 from donations!
- People are taking books from the cart of books that have been donated without paying for them
- 2 concerts coming up
 - 7/30 Wareham Free Library 4pm Land's End
- Friends transferring \$15,000 from their checking account to the town for Spinney
- Ryan Levangie? Memorial concert July 25 12-6 at the bandshell in Onset
- There's a retired graphic designer who just moved to Wareham who wants to do things and may be willing to help out the library
- August book sale

- Tuesday Aug 18 evening 5-7, Thursday Aug 20, Friday Aug 21 even though the library is closed, Saturday Aug 22
- Friends bought a water cooler since bubbler was broken. Thank you!!
- Friends donated and re-hung artwork at Spinney
- Friends are going to pay to have the rugs at Spinney professionally cleaned
- Mary Nyman donating a winter scene of Onset to Spinney
- Judy W. is worried about the picture in Spinney “Jumping off the Dummy Bridge” by Josephine something
 - We should put a disclaimer underneath “don’t try this at home”?
 - Trustees seem to agree
- Write letters to Mary and Josephine thanking them for their paintings and get press?
- All paintings covered by the insurance
- October, the foundation will do the play again
 - Possibly have an auction between acts?
- No book sale in November
- Holiday Fair

❖ 5. Old Business

- Strategic Plan
 - Kerry and Andrea working on getting consultants back Aug 3 late morning in an open to everyone meeting
 - See who’s still interested
 - Aug 13 meeting with town administrator
 - Consultant time is being paid for by the foundation

- The original proposal had them doing a survey to the public
 - A way to get kids involved?
- Have surveys at the Y
- Judy W. “Don’t we really want everyone’s opinion?”
 - Put surveys on pizza boxes at minerva’s and salerno’s.
 - Eastern bank survey? All banks? Have a table for the library?
 - Once we get the ok, banks split; Rachel-3, Diane-2, Melissa-1 and there might have been another bank in there somewhere
- Summer Reading Program
 - Kickoff last Tuesday was a big success with lots of people
 - Thursday lunch with gatemen
 - Three story times, music Tuesdays
 - Last week of program old games
 - Games kids don’t play anymore, like outdoor games
 - Aug 13 end of summer reading program 5-7
 - Costume parade

❖ 6. New Friends and Foundation Agreement

- Last spring drew up an agreement, sent one to friends, not foundation
- Friends insulted that Denise felt she was begging for money
- If friends make a commitment it would only be \$300 or \$400 they would rather receive the request and give the money as needed, as they have been doing.
- Agreement previously discussed doesn’t work for friends but should for trustees. E.g. we should (trustees, library) should give a short thank you

- Friends have never been thanked on paper
- Friends could probably give \$3000 to buy books
- Budget for library for last year is in the negative; we should have received a check from the foundation back in May

6:31 pm Judy and Bethany stepped out for a minute

- Friends will give money but they just did not want something in writing/a commitment
 - Friends can't budget for donations—the library can't expect any specific amount
- Roger proposed to table the discussion till the end of summer; wholehearted agreement
- Friends are primarily paying for salaries
 - Above and beyond what friends should be doing

VERY HEATED DISCUSSION

- 6:37pm Pricilla left
- Jim proposed to table this until we talk to Deb and other staff and see what they want this relationship to be
 - Agreed—Discussion tabled: will probably pursue written agreement with foundation instead of friends

❖ 7. Head of References and Adult Services Report

- Staff shortage
 - Can hire 2 assistants
 - Got 18 applications!!
 - 4 interviews for next week
- Summer reading program
 - Bought alw station
- People using spinney despite lack of internet

- Currently using offline circulation, writing down barcodes of books checked in and out
 - Judy will sic Peter Teitlebaum on Comcast to get internet for spinney
- First year k-8 wasn't given the books needed for summer reading; increase in them coming to the library
- Library bought books/multiple copies of the books on the list
- Possible community read next summer
- Library has amazing staff
 - Cathy and Marcia
- Slips that have board names and numbers
 - If you're happy about the library being open more, tell them
- Deadline for submitting for fall town meeting is Aug 13
- Library looks better
- People impressed with Deb

❖ 9. Trustee Matters

- Trustee Elections
 - Chair—Bethany, nominated by Roger, seconded by Melissa.
 - Nominations for chair closed
 - 7-0-0
 - Vice-Chair—Roger, nominated by Jim, seconded by Melissa
 - Nominations for vice chair closed
 - All good 7-0-0
 - Final 6-0-1
 - Secretary—me, nominated by Melissa, seconded by Jim and Roger

- Nominations for secretary closed
- All good 7-0-0
- Final 6-0-1

❖ 11. Next Meeting

- August 20 at 5:30pm
- 7:02pm Melissa motions to adjourn, Diane seconded
 - 7-0-0

There's a booklet about how to volunteer for the town located at the town clerk's office.

Should we consider a pancake breakfast and invite ALL trustees, selectmen, friends and foundation?