



WFL BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2019

TIME: 5:30pm

LOCATION: Main Library Conference Rm
59 Marion Rd., Wareham, MA

Board Members/Attendees Present: Melissa Dyer (Chair), Aprilleigh Lauer (Vice Chair), Deanne Bonnar (Secretary), Mallory Callinan, Jennifer Lucas, Nancy Rice, Joanne Robertson, George Ripley (Director)

Board Members Absent: Linda Jackson, Selectman Representative

Call to Order: 5:38pm by Mel.

Review of the Minutes: Motion to pass with minor punctuation/grammatical changes made by Aprilleigh; seconded by Nancy; passed (7-0-0).

Announcements: Deanne reported on going to the MBLC training for library trustees. She found it useful and encouraged others to go to future trainings. Mel announced that as Joanne had been sworn in as a BoLT member on October 8, 2019, she should have been allowed to vote at our last meeting. She is now an official voting member.

Public Comment: Nothing at this time.

Friends Report: Nancy reported that the Friends' October book sale netted \$1507.75 in revenue and \$52.00 in donations; next sale is the Holiday Fair on 12/7/2019. She put out a call for cookie donations which can be dropped off at the library on Thursday, 12/5/2019 from 1-7pm, or the Saturday morning of the sale. The Harp Concert is 12/15/2019. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the circulation desk. Nancy encouraged more trustees to attend the events.

Foundation Report: Mallory reported that the annual appeal has started. The Foundation sent the library \$10,000 for books. The play brought in \$2,000. There is an art show by high school students tentatively scheduled for the weekend of 12/14-12/15/2019. There is nothing to report on the capital campaign at this point.

Mel is still working on getting a date to meet with Foundation and Friends' Chairpersons. Schedules are complicated. It would be useful if representatives from all three groups participated in each other's meetings. The Foundation meets on the first Tuesday of the month, Friends meet on the second Tuesday of the month.

Mel reviewed the responsibilities of the three groups:

Board of Trustees - Policy, advocacy, oversight of property, and financial needs.

Friends of the Library - Raising money for small recurring expenses.

Library Foundation - Maintains endowment, conducts capital campaign etc.

Both the Friends and the Foundation raise money for operating expenses with the Foundation focusing on large ticket items; however, there is overlap.

Correspondence: Mel is forwarding MBLC emails to all board members. George received a request for a Little Free Library at Wareham Crossing. Trustees thought it was a great idea and suggested building a small replica of the WF Library to hold the books. Mallory noted that someone is hiding books for people to find throughout Parkwood neighborhood. It is thought to be a female member of the Foundation.

Old Business: The library could use help with social media. The WFL has reached out to Wareham High School to suggest a student collaboration. Other efforts include: Joanne to reach out to Rising Tide Charter School; Mallory to reach out to Upper Cape Technical. Other possibilities are Tabor Academy and Old Rochester Regional HS.

New Business: Joanne introduced a Mass Maritime program that is available for K-12 that aligns with WFL educational opportunities. The program runs from mid-February to mid-June and is free. She will forward the information to George.

Deanne raised the idea of changing the BoLT meeting time. After some discussion Aprilleigh made a motion to move the meeting time from 5:30pm to 6:00pm; seconded by Nancy; passed (7-0-0). It will take effect at the next meeting.

Director's Report: George presented the October monthly report. The numbers are generally looking good. Spinney Story Time has been moved back to 10:30am to accommodate the Head Start program. The book clubs are doing well - a Stephen King book club will begin in January.

The library is partnering with the Land Trust to do a film series and discussion on the environment for people of all ages.

The youth area is getting better. Some of the discipline issues are easing. There is a good chess club which is multigenerational.

Budget lines will be presented at the next meeting.

Trustee Matters: The Bylaw changes still need review. George will follow up this month. There is nothing in the Bylaws that limits BoLT members to two terms.; however, it is a recommendation of the current Board. Some of the Bylaw wording needs to be changed. Jen (attorney) has been tasked to review in her professional mode.

Next Meeting: Next meeting on December 19, 2019 is the holiday party for staff. There was a discussion of food and drink items for people to bring. Donations were made for a gift certificate purchase for a staff lunch.

Motion to Adjournment: 7:20pm. Motion made by Aprilleigh; seconded by Nancy; passed (7-0-0).