



## WFL BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MINUTES

**DATE:** Thursday, June 16, 2022

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Wareham Free Library – main branch

**Board Members/Attendees Present:** Melissa Dyer (chair), Deanne Bonnar, Joanne Robertson (Vice Chair), Nancy Rice, Margit Price, Sarah Corbitt, Holli Van Nest, Patrick Marshall, Director, Priscilla Porter, Friends of WFL.

**Call to Order:** 5:39 p.m. by M. Dyer.

**Announcements:** Motion by M. Dyer for H. Van Nest to serve as Secretary pro-tem for today's meeting; seconded by D. Bonnar; vote 7-0-0.

P. Marshall announced that Stephen Miller submitted his resignation effective end of day 6/18/22. A search for a new Reference/Outreach Librarian has started. The ad for this position has been posted on the Wareham Town website.

Sarah Corbitt, Mel Dyer and Holli Van Nest attended the ribbon cutting of the new Wareham Elementary School.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** May Minutes were reviewed. Motion by H. Van Nest to accept May 19, 2022 minutes; seconded by Sarah Corbitt; vote 7-0-0.

**Public Comment:** Nothing at this time.

### Foundation Report:

D. Bonnar and M. Price went to the Foundation fundraiser held at Stone Path Malt and reported there was a good turnout with a diverse group of attendees who seemed to be having a good time. They reported that \$4,029 was raised.

### Friends Report:

N. Rice reported for the Friends that the monthly book sale started today.

The Friends are planning to do their longtime cookie sale again in December which had been suspended the past two years due to COVID. They will be figuring out a way for people not to touch the baked goods.

She reported that June is membership month with a senior membership costing only \$5.

The Imagination Library currently has lots of children under 1-year-old in their membership. There have been 405 total participants since the program started at the WFL. We had a discussion on how someone

becomes a member of the Imagination Library, the ages it serves and suggestions for outreach efforts. We agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

The Community Events grant is funding a ½ page ad in next week's Wareham Week on summer programs at the library.

A suggestion was made that an article in Wareham Week on the difference between the Friends and the Foundation would be helpful.

### **Correspondence:**

Emails from MBLC continue to be forwarded on by M. Dyer. P. Marshall mentioned that all the Trustees should be getting these emails directly if they are signed up on the MBLC website.

M. Dyer reported that thank you notes from the BoLT were sent to both the Foundation and Matt Underhill, IT Department of the Town.

### **Old Business:**

H. Van Nest reported that she has contacted the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts and the Onset Bay Association to discuss our recruitment efforts with them. She will report more after those discussions have happened.

D. Bonnar staffed a table at the YMCA's kids' day. She handed out ½ dozen applications and had many good conversations.

Nancy reported that the flier is at the book sale.

### **New Business:**

None at this time.

### **Director's Report:**

P. Marshall reported that we have spent over 15% of the WFL budget for materials; we are required to spend 15% or more on materials to maintain certification.

P. Marshall announced that the Spinney branch has been open for two weeks. The Wi-Fi has not been working, but IT is working on it. There are a couple of summer programs planned for the Spinney location.

With S. Miller leaving and M. Hickey on vacation through the end of June, staffing will be tight at the Library, with the Director likely spending more time on the desk. There may also be some unexpected Library closings due to staffing issues. The Library will be closing on Saturdays for the summer, starting at the end of June.



## Trustee Matters:

The Anti-Hate/Anti-Racist Statement was presented after some work done on it since the last meeting. Some revisions were made. D. Bonnar moved to accept the statement as amended, seconded by N. Rice. Vote: 7-0-0.

M. Dyer presented the Annual Report draft for discussion with some changes made. M. Dyer will submit it to the Town as amended.

Motion made by M. Dyer to accept the whole slate of new officers – H. Van Nest, Chair, D. Bonnar, Vice Chair, and S. Corbitt, Secretary – seconded by M. Price. Vote: 7-0-0.

D. Bonnar thanked J. Robertson and M. Dyer who are leaving the Board for their work – J. Robertson, over the past 3 years, and M. Dyer, over the past 7 years. She particularly credited M. Dyer with leading the Board through the years of regaining certification, never letting anything fall through the cracks and doing an amazing amount of work. The Board all seconded these sentiments.

## Next Meeting:

Suggestion was made by H. Van Nest, and agreed to by the Board, to skip the July meeting to give the new slate of officers a chance to regroup and come to the August meeting with ideas for the new year. Next meeting will be Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m, at the main branch of the WFL.

**Motion to Adjourn:** 7:14 p.m. by M. Dyer; seconded by S. Corbitt; vote 7-0-0.

## Documents Used in Meeting:

Wareham Free Library BoLT Minutes May 19, 2022

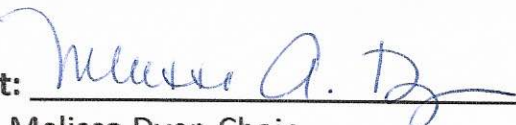
Annual Report July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

Wareham Free Library Board of Library Trustees Anti-Hate/Anti-Racist Statement

Director's Report June 16, 2022 including Fiscal Year 2022 WFL Library Statistics through May 2022  
Expense Report June 16-2022

Date Signed: 9/20/2022

Attest:

  
Melissa Dyer, Chair

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