

West Tisbury Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
Meeting of July 12, 2007
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Present:

Trustees: Hermine Hull, Dan Waters, Elaine Pace, Ginny Jones
Friends: Susan Wasserman, Mary Lu Keep, Betty Haynes, Ursula Ferro
Staff: Nelia Decker, Paula Black, Beth Kramer, Stephen Klebs
Other Public: Robert Potts, Marjory Potts

Preliminary:

Elaine Pace volunteered to take minutes for this session.
The Trustees reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.
Elaine moved to accept the minutes of June 14, 2007. Ginny seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from *Friends*:

Susan Wasserman reported that preparations for the book sale are going well. Sorting, pricing, and organizing is ongoing. Many volunteers are available. Cashiers for the sale are still needed. The sale opens on July 27th. Hours are 9 to 3 daily through July 30.

Suzii also noted that the annual meeting of the *Friends* will be held this year on Friday, August 3rd at 4:00 at the library.

Report from the Search Committee:

Dan Waters thanked the other members of the search committee: Hermine Hull, Leslie Baker, Ginny Jones, Mary Lu Keep, Paula Black, Bea Phear, and Elaine Pace.

Dan Waters reviewed the process used by the search committee to select its next library director. He noted that public input was considered, that 12 applications were reviewed, and that four candidates were invited to interview. One of those four declined; the remaining three were interviewed by the committee on July 25th and July 27th.

Because the committee were unanimous in their support for one candidate, a second round of interviews was deemed unnecessary. Dan read a summary of Beth Kramer's attributes, and the committee recommended Beth to the Trustees.

Old Business:

Hermine asked the Trustees when they wished to have the volunteers' tea. Elaine suggested that the tea be held on Friday, August 3rd, immediately after the annual meeting of the *Friends*. Suzi concurred that this was a good idea. The staff, trustees, and *Friends* will plan the event together.

Beth reported that the second bid of Vineyard Propane for heating of the library exceeded \$5000, and she has made calls for other bids.

Hermine announced that the attorney for the town received a check in the amount of \$3074.38 from Howard Curtis to settle costs incurred from a conference registration (such conference held after his resignation from West Tisbury) and library materials.

New Business:

Because a second round of interviews became unnecessary, the search committee prepared four questions to be answered publicly by Beth Kramer, so that those present would have the opportunity to appreciate the qualities that made her the choice of the committee. Beth responded to questions about cooperative regional relationships, experience with volunteers, fundraising for a new library, and her vision as a new library director.

Elaine moved that Beth be appointed as the next library director contingent on her negotiating the appropriate salary as per the personnel committee of the Town of West Tisbury. Ginny seconded. During discussion, every member of the search committee and staff members also praised Beth for her outstanding qualities. Hermine read a letter from Leslie also endorsing Beth.

The Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Beth Kramer as Director of the West Tisbury Library.

Beth and Nelia thanked the trustees for the opportunity to be co-directors during the past months.

Library Report:

Beth distributed the library report for June 2007. She reported that the reading room has been converted to a laptop room for the summer using power strips and that an electrician will make laptop use more accessible permanently.

Beth reported that she purchased a new public printer and a new monitor for a stand-up terminal.

She also reported that the budget for fiscal 2007 had been expended.

Ginny reported that the summer kick-off event at the Ag Hall (Roger Tincknell's "Catch the Beat") was well attended.

Ginny moved that the meeting adjourn. Dan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine M. Pace