

MEETING MINUTES

West Tisbury Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday January 10, 2017

at the West Tisbury Library

In Attendance:

Trustees: Linda Hearn, Wayne Smith, Amy Hoff, Caroline Flanders

Director: Beth Kramer

Caroline Flanders called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Minutes:

Linda Hearn moved to approve the minutes from December 2016 with two minor revisions.

Caroline Flanders seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Art Policy: The Art Committee will update the art policy at their next meeting. This revision will allow the WT Library Artist of the Month to sell his/her art work with 20% sales commission donated to the West Tisbury Library Foundation. Caroline Flanders moved to approve the updated art policy to allow the WT Library Artist of the Month to sell art with 20% donated to the West Tisbury Library Foundation in advance of the Art Committee's meeting and revision of the policy. Wayne seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Elections: Beth reminded the Trustees that are are up for re-election to pick up papers from Tara at Town Hall.

Budget-FinCom: Beth informed Trustees that the WT FinCom is not reviewing the library this year.

Directors Report:

Library update:

- 9576 patrons in December
- 273 programs and events
- 1416 attendees

DECEMBER 2016 PROGRAMS

December at the library was full of excitement for the holidays and the approaching start of a new year. Families flocked to the library to keep kids busy during school break, and community members gathered for our holiday festivities. Throughout the month, over 1400 people attended programs, meetings and utilized conference rooms.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Saturdays offered holiday and winter themed crafts for kids such as scallop shell angel ornaments and egg carton bells. During school vacation, there were two kids' movie screenings with popcorn in the community room, daily crafts in the children's room, and an afternoon of the popular Lego Club. The month (and year!) ended with a rock concert for kids with Rob Myer's band "Jellybone Rivers and the Maniacs of the Heart". For this event, the community room was arranged to include a dance floor where children, babies and parents danced to rock versions of popular kids' songs.

TEENS & ADULTS

Young adults also has plenty of exciting activities during school break. Laura Hearn developed intricate crafts perfect for this age group, which included making Emoji pillows, iPhone speakers, and tassel necklaces. Teens and tweens were also offered two afternoon movies in the YA room.

The art this month was a collection of photographs submitted by a variety of community members. Some photos were taken by professionals and others by photography hobbyists. The art reception was well attended with approximately 60 people. Another event highlight was high school student Willa Vigneault's presentation of her junior year in Bordeaux, France. Her talk included a slideshow and French hors d'oeuvres. Over 40 people attended Willa's talk. A very special event this month was the library's annual Holiday Party. About 75 people gathered at the library to enjoy holiday treats, listen to the music of the Vineyard Brass Band, create festive swags, and wish each other well for the holidays.

Grants update:

Health Literacy Grant – meetings with Howes House and IEH for program ideas. Programs scheduled this month include "Meditation and Healthy Aging," several book talks and Wellness Drop In with new Community Health Nurse. Purchases include anatomical models, new books and DVDs. Health and Wellness are about to be BISACed. Future programs include Death Cafes, Green Burial discussions, Hospice presentations, nutrition and medication discussions, creativity and healthy aging.

NNLM/NE Grant – Health Information Kiosk ordered

LSTA – Customer Service: Rachel will attend MBLC workshop on writing grants at the end of January – Draft grant proposals due February 24th. Rachel will be point person for this grant.

MVCC – Library received \$1440 for a mural in the Children's Room (to be painted by Linda Carnegie)

Staff changes:

Ad posted for Circulation Assistant – interviews will be 1.17. This is to replace Olivia's position (now Program Coordinator) and Meagan who has left for school.

Olivia is off to a great start in her new position. She worked for several weeks with Ann and feels comfortable enough to be working on her own (rather than overlap that was originally projected)

Workshops/Meeting:

MVLA meeting scheduled for January 20 in Chilmark. All are invited to these meetings. Agenda items include funding of Summer Reading Kickoff, MV Poet Laureate sponsorship, MLS classes on the Vineyard, joint programming for the summer, Sign Language in the libraries.

CLAMS – continuing with Strategic Planning. Initial phase of Executive Director's Search.

Legislative Breakfast – February 10th in Eastham (8:30 am) – Wendy is attending -

Building update:

Looking into a public water fountain (Haynes giving us estimate)

Report from Louis deGeoffroy.

No problem in snow storm (condenser hoods worked well) – parking lot treated well.

*attached is Facility Report submitted by Louis deGeoffroy

New Business:

The trustees reviewed and discussed in detail the Facility Report submitted by Louis deGeoffroy. The Trustees decided to write a letter to the town expressing the that library director, Beth Kramer, should not be responsible for building maintenance, that a town should have a town maintenance person.

With no public present, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Hoff