

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**West Tisbury Library Board of Trustees**  
**Monday, November 21st 2016**  
**at the Library**

**In Attendance**

**Trustees:** Caroline Flanders, Wendy Nierenberg, Gina Solon, Amy Hoff, Linda Hearn

**Director:** Beth Kramer

Caroline called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**Minutes**

Beth suggested making two amendments to the October minutes. Caroline made a motion to approve and Linda seconded. All were in favor.

Gina made a motion to approve the November joint selectman's meeting. Wendy seconded and all were in favor.

**Directors Report**

There were 13,424 patrons in October, 181 programs and events, and 1663 attendees. Several popular annual events took place in October: the 5th annual Lynne Whiting & Carol Brush fairy house building day and the library Halloween Party. Lego Club resumed after a summer break, drop-in crafts, pre-school story time, and Mother Goose on the Loose. There were two Boston opera singers, sponsored by the WT Library Foundation and Friends of the WT Library. There was an artist reception for Andrew Jephcote at the beginning of the month. October was fitness-themed at the library. There was a four-week Pilates class, as well as the first two classes of a four week yoga class.

At the end of the month John Hough Jr. spoke about Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*, as part of the Islanders Read the Classics series. Librarian Rachel's Ebook help sessions (held every Monday) and Social Media for Beginners (every Friday) continue to attract many patrons looking to improve their tech skills.

Staff Changes- Emily Histen has joined the staff as a part-time Circulation Assistant to replace Meagan McDonough who will be leaving for school at the end of December. Giulia Fleishman also joined the staff this fall.

Ann Quigley has just informed Beth that she will be leaving at the end of the year to take the Education/Outreach Administrator position at PHA. This is a big loss for the library but we wish Ann and PHA the best. There will be an ad placed this week for the Programming Coordinator position.

Passport Acceptance Agents are completing their annual online training, and we are now

handling over 30 passports per month.

Many workshops and meetings were held and attended. MVLA are bringing classes here to the island and will be holding the Mini-Maker Faire again this year, also discussing other joint programming. CLAMS-continuing with strategic plan (including SOAR exercises with members and committees). Beth met with some of the program presenters for the Senior Health Literacy Grant and will meet with HATF next week. The Library received the NNLM/NE Grant that was applied for, for a health information kiosk.

Beth attended the MLS annual meeting in Worcester, and if MLS is level funded this year as proposed, there will be a \$38K gap and proposed action would be a cut in delivery (no Saturdays) and a cut in CE and reduction of state-wide databases.

### **New Business**

The Trustees discussed different ways of memorializing Linda Chapman's untimely passing.

The Trustees also discussed the openings for board members and who would be staying on and running again.

### **Old Business**

The Trustees will discuss possibly making changes to the existing art policy with Rob Hauck at the next meeting.

### **Correspondence**

The library received a thank you note.

With no public present, the meeting adjourned at 7:01.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Solon