

WEST TISBURY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 9, 2016
Library Children's Room

Caroline Flanders, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present: Linda Chapman, Caroline Flanders, Linda Hearn, Wendy Nierenberg, and Wayne Smith.
Also present: Beth Kramer, Director.

Linda Hearn moved that the Minutes of the June 9th Trustees Meeting be accepted with two edits.
Wendy Nierenberg seconded; the revised Minutes were approved unanimously.

Director's Report:

Beth Kramer reported:

In June, the West Tisbury Library:

- welcomed 14,940 patrons
- hosted 168 programs and events that included 1,902 attendees.

In July, the West Tisbury Library:

- welcomed 21,184 patrons
- hosted 372 programs and events that included 2207 attendees.

June Programs 2016

The month of June was musically delightful. The Peace concert brought on a beautiful message with 75 in attendance. The Annual Remembering the Rosenthals Concert was a full house with 90 attendees. Al Schackman and guests created a fun atmosphere of poetry and music with 37 attendees. The library's collaboration with WMVY continues as Dave Kish presents a Jazz Series with film and conversation (30 attendees). The library hosted Lisa Rohn's piano students for a recital. Ninety island parents and students were in attendance.

YA book club concluded this month with a great read by Nicola Yoon, Everything, Everything. Islanders Read the Classics with John Hough Jr. was well attended with 70 attendees. This was a collaboration with the MVLA and MV Times.

Tweed Roosevelt continued his Tweed's Reads with a nice group of 7 attendees. The library hosted a Book Talk on National Parks with 18 in attendance. The Geoffrey Cowan event had a large turnout of 90 patrons. The monthly meeting of Writers has been a continued success. Niki Patton has gathered an eclectic group of 25 writers.

Ruth Kirchmeier graced the library walls with her lovely art work. It was truly delightful. Ruth's artist reception was lots of fun with 70 attendees. Sara Prazich and Julie Rosenthal taught a fun monoprint art class with 12 attendees. Quilters meet weekly. It is

such a great group of conversation and craft. Quilter Julia Burgess has hung her beautiful quilt in the display area. The Sew Much Time Quilting Retreat had 12 attendees this month. Lego Club will take a break after this month and continue again in September.

Green Burials with 25 in attendance. Voyagers Meeting with 30 in attendance. Vineyard Conservation Meeting with 100 in attendance. All Island Planning Meeting with 25 attendees. Bodhi Path meeting with Tsering and 25 attendees. Pilates Series met weekly in June with 15 participants each week.

July programs 2016:

July was a busy month for the library. Over 2,200 people of all ages attended events, meetings, and utilized the conference rooms.

The summer reading kickoff at the beginning of the month attracted 150 attendees. The special rocket-making craft run by Matt Hayden was a hit, with 45 kids and family members creating their own custom rockets and testing them out in the library's back yard using a compressed air launcher brought in for the occasion. Family movie screenings on Monday evenings have brought in an average of 17 attendees per week.

Several popular classes were offered for teens and tweens in July, including cooking, art, and a week-long writing and reading workshop. Spaces were limited to about 10 each for these classes, with wait lists filling up as well.

A highlight of adult programs in July was Vineyard Haven librarian Hal Garneau's presentation of 3D stereoscopic images taken of Oak Bluffs in the 1800s and early 1900s. Patrons were fascinated to see the way the island's buildings and topography have evolved (32 attendees).

The Long Point 5 band performed on the porch one warm evening, and 45 guests sat on the deck and lawn, listening to music and enjoying the library's garden. At the end of the month Dr. Kim Lewis of Northeastern University presented a talk on new approaches to combating Lyme disease to a packed room of 80 people.

Staff changes:

Laia Roig has just accepted a position teaching Spanish at Edgartown – the library has an ad running for the next two weeks to fill this position.

Nelia will be returning to work part-time on 9/22.

Weekly meetings with Rachel, Laura C, Amy and Ann have proven very helpful in keeping us moving forward this summer.

I will be attending a NELL (New England Library Leadership) conference from August 23-25th (focusing on leading transition and succession management).

Reported by Director Beth Kramer.

Old Business:

It was noted that Minutes of the July 6th meeting with the Selectmen (that included the Selectmen's appointment of Wendy Nierenberg to fill the vacant Trustees position until the Town election in April 2017) are required. Linda Chapman will provide Minutes.

Director Beth Kramer noted that the upcoming Trustees Orientation provided by the MBLC includes the "Rights & Responsibilities of the Library Director." It was decided to postpone the discussion of the letter that Director Beth Kramer received from Jack Collins, Counsel, regarding the rights and responsibilities of the Library director until after the Trustees Orientation.

New Business:

There was a discussion about the Library's procedures regarding individuals who wish to reserve a conference room. Director Beth Kramer reviewed the procedure and noted that at the present time the procedures in place are working.

The Trustees Orientation Training session, led by Erin Williams Hart of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) has been scheduled for Thursday, September 8th, from 4 to 6 pm at the West Tisbury Public Library. Trustees from all public libraries on the Vineyard will participate.

Linda Chapman reported on the listserv for Library Trustees provided by the MBLC and also the MBLC's Fiscal Year 2017 Legislative Agenda Survey. Director Beth Kramer reviewed the seven funding categories and their impact on the West Tisbury Public Library. Linda Chapman will send the survey link to Trustees.

Correspondence:

None

Comments from the public:

None

Adjournment:

Wendy Nierenberg moved that the meeting be adjourned. Linda Hearn seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Caroline Flanders adjourned the meeting at 6.46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Chapman, Secretary, Board of Library Trustees