

WEST TISBURY BOARD of TRUSTEES

February 9, 2016, Library Community Room

Present: Caroline Flanders, Margaret Gallagher, Linda Hearn, Virginia Jones, Gina solon, Dan Waters

Also Present: Beth Kramer, Linda Chapman

Linda Hearn, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

The minutes of the January 12th meeting were M, S, and approved as amended.

Director's Report:

Library Update:

9,081 patrons in January

154 programs and events, 990 attendees

Yoga returned to the West Tisbury Library, and was full each of the 3 days it was offered. Musical offerings included: Bosa Nova, to a full house as well as Olivia DeGeofroy singing operatic pieces with David Roderick accompanying her on the piano, also to a full house. Our literary events included Writer's Read, Tweed's Reads and two teen reading events: Teen Writing Class and Up Island Voices which was a partnership with the West Tisbury School.

We hosted Fan Ogilvie's artist reception, which was very well attended, and sponsored a film that is part of the Sustainable documentary film series with Liz Witham and Ken Wentworth. We held a very successful seed swap in the program room at the end of January, generating a lot of excitement about the seed program, and offered dried flower arranging with Sue Silva.

Mother Goose on the Loose, Storytime, one with IGS, Family Crafts and the ever popular Lego Club were fun for the kids.

January saw our first big snow storm, which forced the cancelation of a poetry reading by Fan Ogilvie (rescheduled for May).

Staff Update:

Attended LSTA workshop for LSTA grant-we will be focusing on Health Literacy Grant. This grant is due in April.

MVLA Meeting-working with other island libraries and the MV Times on an island-wide book series, "Islanders Read the Classics"

Also collaborating this May in Mini Makers Faire on May 7th at the Ag Hall

Part science fair, part county fair, and part something entirely new, Maker Faire is an all-ages gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students, and commercial exhibitors. These events began in 2006. MVLA has received a grant and funding from library Friends groups.

Sound Proofing-measured and ordered for Circulation area

Generator-Engineer due to visit to revise specs and then order will go out to bid. Will be meeting with the Building Committee to review the punch list and LEED funding update.

Met with FinCom-Budget approved.

Lots of Passports-57 last month (more than 2X the normal amount)

New Business:

Linda Hearn led a discussion concerning existing library policies covering the use of the Community Room, cell phones, and snow closure.

Use of the Community Room for educational Purposes:

If the library should allow ACE to use the Community Room for classes, it may be necessary to change existing policy if there is a fee charged for course credit.

Cell phones:

Currently, Staff members ask patrons to take phone calls outside. There is no need for a change in policy. The possibility of designating a Quiet Room was discussed.

Snow Policy:

The Town's newly revised snow closing regulations were discussed. Linda Hearn, Chairman, will send a letter to the Selectmen outlining the library's longstanding internal policy for snow emergencies, and request that under the new Town policy that the library receive ample notice of closing so that patrons do not venture out under dangerous road conditions only to find the library closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Gallagher