

WEST TISBURY BOARD of TRUSTEES

January 12, 2016, Library Community Room

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

Also Present: Beth Kramer, Linda Chapman, Wayne Smith

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

The minutes of the December 7th meeting were M, S, and approved as amended.

Director's Report:

Library Update:

9,069 patrons in December

114 programs and events, 1038 attendees

December's featured artist, Rosalie Powell, was a huge success. Her reception brought out hookers and lookers in droves. Her work filled the community room with warmth and color.

Yoga is now being offered again for free; the class is full at 18 participants. We held a poetry reading for Sian Williams and Michael West, which was well attended. Tweed's Reads continues to gather a small but dedicated following. The Bodhi Path had a presentation, along with the Want To Know Club.

For Kids, Lego Club, Ugly Doll workshop and a spinning top workshop were featured, along with the usual crafts and story times. We offered a teen movie along with the two family movies during the holiday weeks.

Our Holiday Party with swag making and fabulous refreshments was very successful.

Staff Update:

One part-time Circulation Assistant has left. This position has been filled by another trained Circulation Assistant who will begin this week.

The Personnel Board has approved the creation of the Programming/Admin. Assistant position. This position will appear on the warrant at the Annual Town Meeting.

The FinCom meeting is next Tuesday, Jan. 19th, at 4 PM. I have reached out to Katherine Triantifilou to prepare for the meeting. I met with Kathy Logue to discuss the implications for the Town for a benefited staff person.

Nelia and I drove to Darien, CT to visit the Darien Library. The focus of the visit was collection reorganization (modified BISAC), programming and staffing primarily for Youth Services. We will be migrating to Google calendars for staffing (and passport scheduling).

Amy, Rachel and I attended mid-winter ALA in Boston. I focused on reporting library performance, grant opportunities (Knight News Challenge) and transforming Libraries and managing change.

Rachel and Amy focused on YA programming, new fiction for teens, and teen librarianship.

Our attendance at ALA was underwritten by a grant in honor of Cathy Brennan. Amy's attendance at PLA later this year will also be paid for by this grant.

I will be attending a workshop for the LSTA grant on health literacy later this month in Bellingham.

I have met with Peter Rodegast to discuss the carrels downstairs.

Our AV system has been upgraded and is now easier for all staff to use. The soundproofing company will be here on Friday for a consultation. I am continuing to have meetings concerning the generator and our HVAC.