

West Tisbury Free Public Library **APPROVED July 12, 2022**  
Board of Trustees  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: June 14, 2022 1:05PM

Trustees Present: Micah Thanhauser, Rob Hauck, Lynn Hoeft, Wendy Nierenberger, Emily Fischer

Trustees Absent: Fran Finnigan

Director: Alexander Pratt

Minutes: Minutes from last meeting were unavailable.

Director's Report:

- As of this date no venue has been found for the Annual Book Sale.
- A liaison from the trustees to the WT Foundation is being sought. Rob Hauck was the only volunteer at this time.

Old Business:

- The strategic planning morning session went well; afternoon session had 13 attendees.

New Business:

- Trustees discussed possible further programming with Marcenzi about gender and sexuality
- Rob asked whether these topics are addressed in schools. Emily Fischer responded, "Not exactly".
- Emily suggested more mental health programming for kids, but acknowledged that this is a separate issue from the

Trans/Sexuality issue.

- Alexandra gave a rundown of the complaints the library received around the Drag Queen Story Hour.
- There were a total of 5 patrons with concerns.
- Some remarked that there was "too much" gender LGBTQ+ programming. Alexandra felt the opposite as only one event was ever scheduled.

- The staff bears the brunt of the displeasure and getting yelled at is very stressful for them.
- Trustees discussed LGBTQ+ programming situation at length and from multiple angles; they wholeheartedly stand behind the library in support of additional programming.
- Discussion followed about whether to send a return email to Annie Bradshaw (concerned patron). Rob offered to do so.
- Alexandra offered to add a "Social Media Disclaimer" to program policy making it explicit that the library and the Trustees do monitor program presenters' social media activity.
- Do we need a Program Policy review? "Yes."

Unanticipated topics: none

Correspondence received:

- One patrons response: "We love Drag Queen Story Hour and want more programming like it throughout the year."

Adjournment: 1:45PM

Next Meeting: July 12, 2022

Submitted by: Fran Finnigan. (With thanks to Micah Thanhauser for recording.)