

APPROVED April 21, 2021

**West Tisbury Free Public Library
Board of Trustees
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 9, 2021

Trustees Present: Rob Hauck, Lynn Hoeft, Wayne Smith, Wendy Nierenberg, Fran Finnigan

Trustees Absent: Elaine Barnett

Guests: Alexandra Pratt, Library Director

Minutes: Minutes of Feb. 9 meeting approved after amending for spelling of Julian Cyr's name.

Director's Report:

- **Library use and attendance at meetings, tech help and programs continues at near or above preCovid time.**
- **Wellness programs and book discussions are especially well attended.**
- **Children's craft bags are more popular than ever.**
- **Friends and Foundation appeal had highest response ever.**
- **63.5% of libraries across the state have no public access, including WTFPL.**
- **Patron feedback is uniformly positive.**

New Business:

- **2 levels of library access are available, remote and curbside, small group will be added in time. Some remote programs will continue to be remote.**
- **Alexandra would like to open the building once all staff is vaccinated.**
- **Alexandra's first year anniversary is coming up. Wendy will distribute the town employee evaluation form to the library staff and record and report their comments to the trustees.**
- **Flowers and dinners were sent to Linda Hearn, long-time library Friend and Foundation member and her daughter Laura, young adult librarian, following the death of their husband and father, Glenn Hearn.**
- **Discussion to continue the Landscape Committee in view of the fact that most of project is finished centered on the need to oversee the**

upkeep, to create a garden in honor of past director, Beth, to erect signage remembering the Edey Foundation's generosity, and to expand the irrigation system. Suggested committee makeup included 2 Trustees and 2 volunteers, among others. Wayne, a member of the original committee, will contact Dan Waters for more direction, since the Foundation shoulders much of the landscape budget.

- Review of Policies and Procedures is beginning. Fran, Lynn and Wendy will work with Alexandra starting with the Art Policy and Exhibition Guidelines.
- The town Energy Committee decided against solar canopy over a portion of the parking lot. Trustees reiterated that the library needs a strong presence in any discussions of installations on library property.
- Solar panels on the library roof will provide 50% of the building's need for electricity. Engineer's report has not been submitted.

Unanticipated topics: none

Correspondence received: included in the Director's report.

Adjournment: 6:38pm

Next Meeting: April 13, 2021, 5:30pm

Submitted by: Fran Finnigan