

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

APPROVED, June 8, 2021

Date: May 17, 2021 5:35 pm

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

Director: Alexandra Pratt

Minutes: Amended minutes of April 21 accepted. Wayne Smith abstained for non-attendance.

Director's Report: Highlights:

Friends of WT Library are still undecided about conducting a summer book sale. Some discussion about using tents as a venue.

Library staff is fully vaccinated.

Virtual programs are still heavily attended.

New Business:

Wednesdays and Saturdays, the library is open to adults by appointment.

Week of May 24, the library will be open to adults every day.

Alexandra would like to see mask-wearing continue through the summer.

Reopening updates:

The appointment schedule is going well.

Alexandra expects some push back from patrons wanting more time to browse.

She feels the need to weigh the comfort of the staff when making decisions about patrons in the building.

She can safely accommodate 20 patrons per 1/2 hour.

As stated above the number of "open" days will increase.

Alexandra is somewhat worried about unvaccinated children. Families can still come in on Saturdays and the number may increase to 2 or 3 instead of one.

WTL was the first library on the island to open by appointment.

Mask are still required; Rob expressed concern over the restrictions; since the State defers to the towns, the town will make the decision.

The next policy to review will be the Social Justice Policy. It should come in line with the Town Diversity Policy.

An example of a library Social Justice Policy can be found at <http://www.harvardpubliclibrary.org/about/socialjustice-statement>

Old Business:

The Landscape Committee will continue to exist to complete the full landscaping plan proposed when it was still part of the Building Committee, Going forward, it will continue signage and irrigation to the more newly planted areas. TLC Landscaping is maintaining the existing gardens. TLC will meet with Alexandra and Wayne to discuss the scope of his work.

Rob brought up clarifying questions about the Art Policy. He is opposed to the wording which limited the artwork to specific interests and proposed that it read, “all media, all types of art”. The board agreed to broaden the language.

The question regarding the language in the policy which referred to the number of submissions by the prospective artists created a misunderstanding and will be changed to “a representative sample of the artist’s work”.

The first in-library show will begin May 1.

The board and the Art Committee will use this experience to smooth out the new art policies.

Deanna Porter, has expressed an interest in joining the Board.

The next board meeting will be an in-person meeting at the library.

Correspondence received:

- Wendy, from the Charter School, has reached out to say how much the “kids love the projects” in reference to the Library Craft Bags.**

Adjournment: 6:25pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 12:00pm

Submitted by: Fran Finnigan