

West Hartford Library Meeting Minutes

7/21/21

4:45 PM

Present: Sandie Cary, Emily Clough, Doug Eisler, Veronica Golden, Gerda Gofberg, Sadie Woods

The meeting was called to order at 4:54 PM.

Pledge of Alligiance

A motion was made, seconded and approved to omit the recitation of the pledge from today's meeting.

Call to Order: 4:54 PM

Secretary's Report

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 2021 meeting were approved without correction.

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal year 2020/2021 has been spent out. A report for fiscal year 2021/2022 is not yet available.

Director's Report

The West Hartford Library remains open to patrons; masks continue to be required unless patrons willingly offer that they are fully vaccinated and no one else is inside at the time.

Book Club and Craft Night continue in person

Circulation total significantly increased this month to 1055 this past month; interlibrary loan items were 110, contributing to the high volume.

HCC is continuing to offer free lunches this summer. Extras, when available, are kept in event people come late and/or given out to AT hikers.

The Friends are encouraging new members. A Vermont Community Foundation technology grant award of \$1500, obtained through the Friends, has been used to purchase a new printer, a monitor, iPads (2) and ink cartridges.

A State of Vermont Department of Libraries Grant has allocated \$2,166 to the West Hartford Library to be applied to assist post-Covid recovery. A motion, duly made, to allow Sandie to apply for the ARPA Grant to Public Libraries for Equipment and Supply Purchases and also approved allowing Sandie final determination of how the grant money will be spent. Sandie and Emily will work together to submit the required grant application.

A Friday Night Movie is scheduled outdoors on library grounds Friday, July 30. The last movie night saw 105 people in attendance.

Old Business

Gerda Gofberg has offered her resignation from the board, effective 9/1/2021. Doug Eisler was duly nominated and approved to assume Treasurer responsibilities pending notice from the Town of Hartford.

New Business

A motion was duly made and approved to store and share West Hartford Library information on the Google Share Drive, limited to that publically available on the town website and including: meeting agenda, meeting minutes, payroll and budget.

A new motion was made to amend the by-laws (Sec 4 Art C) to omit the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance from all future meetings. A discussion was initiated with the motion being tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 8/24, at 4:45PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Sadie Woods

Board of Trustees Secretary