

West Hartford Library

Meeting Minutes 4/20/2022 7:00 pm

Present: Emily Clough, Laura Brooks, Doug Eisler, Sadie Woods, Sandie Cary

Absent: Veronica Golden

The meeting was called to order at 7:03.

Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report

Upon motion duly made, the minutes of the March 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Town Budget Report reflects YTD expenditures of 61% of total budget with 39% remaining. Library accounting is in agreement and spending is on schedule.

Director's Report

Covid cases are again increasing; masks remain required of all patrons. Book Club and Craft Time continue. Various events are scheduled in the Community Room during the next 2 weeks. Inter-library loans in February were 115 and circulation 758, up from 547. The Friends of the West Hartford Library have sponsored the purchase of all award winning books for children through young adult. Sandie has also ordered books pertaining to diversity. The Friends have asked the library to host the Halloween Party this fall.

A \$300 grant has been received for summer reading program, "Oceans of Possibilities." Sandie will begin ordering books and other items. Volunteers are needed on HCCVT Movie Nights and the free lunch program. A new ARPA grant of approximately \$700 is available through application, which is done in concert with the town and is pending. The indoor air quality sensor has been received from the state, but is yet to be set up.

Old Business

Upon motion duly made, the board approved ordering shelving made by John Newton, for up to the amount of \$2000, if funding available. The Friends have indicated an interest in assisting with addition funds. Doug continues work on the updated library website.

Laura has been quite successful in signing up 19 vendors interested in participating in the West Hartford Library Farmers Market. Permit applications have been submitted and are expected to be approved. Opening date is June 14 with a season extending to September 27. Hours will be 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Vendors have been provided guidelines required and will be individually responsible for compliance with same. June 21 is "Make Music Vermont." Laura suggested that her spouse, Ryan Brooks, may know of musicians interested in playing during the market that day.

New Business

Veronica Golden will be leaving the board soon and a new member needed. Laura made mention that the library is the only public building in West Hartford and as such, consideration should be given to setting it up to serve as a temporary shelter for a limited number of citizens in the event of an emergency.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sadie Woods
Board Secretary