

Weathersfield Proctor Library Trustees Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM
5181 Rte. 5 Ascutney, VT
Approved: October 19, 2023

Attendance Trustees: Chair-Rick Bates, Vice Chair-Rika Henderson,
Secretary-Anne Parent , John Waite (arrived at 7:56 pm), Mavis
Ellingwood
Library Director (LD)-Mark Richardson

Call Trustee Meeting to Order-7:07 p.m

- I. Consent Calendar - *The consent calendar consists of items that are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in the form of one motion. Any item can be removed from the consent calendar and heard in its regular order at the request of any Library Trustee or Citizen.*
 - A. Mavis made a motion to approve the minutes from 08/17/2023. John seconded and those eligible to vote, voted in favor (Rick voted to make a quorum.)
 - B. Rika made a motion to approve WPL expenditures dated 09/21/2023 subject to each Trustee's review and signature. Mavis seconded. All voted in favor.

- II. Comments from Citizens on Topics not on the Agenda: None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Library Director's Report: LD Mark reported that the Library is now in its 3rd week of being open on Tuesdays. There has been an increase of patrons each week for this day. The Library is now averaging about 20 + patrons per day and it has been nice to see new faces. Library staff has been culling the collection and renewing resources. LD Mark expressed gratitude for the mowing & cleaning service providers. Both have been excellent and we are happy to be working with local vendors. LD Mark shared a card that the winner of the Summer Reading Challenge gave Judy. It was a very nice note of thanks recapping the challenge.

- B. Friends of the Library Book Sale: Trustees took a field trip to the basement to see SO MANY BOOKS! Set up starts at 7 am and the sale will start at 9 am. Mavis made a motion to authorize Mark to negotiate with Julie Lannen (President of the Friends of Proctor Library) the expense of a dumpster to dispose of remaining books after the book sale. Anne seconded and all voted in favor. Set up will include setting out tables, running books up from the basement and offloading books from the Shand barn once they arrive. Ginger will be heading up the bake sale.

Old Business

- C. Programming update: The speaker event had a great turn out and it was an engaging talk. Glenna is organizing a stuffed toy overnight for Friday, October 13th. On Saturday the 14th there will be a pancake breakfast for the families sponsored by the Friends of Proctor Library. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th from 3:30 - 5 and the recreation department is planning to have a new feature. It will be a very large enchanted forest tent. Glenna will be volunteering her time to facilitate an ESL book group on Monday evenings. Patti Arrison's Shakespeare Group is now in its second week and has strong attendance. Glenna is now a Dungeon Master! A Dungeons & Dragons group is meeting every other Wednesday at 2:30. 4 participants are expected after the sports season ends. The first session was great.
- D. Construction update: A \$2,000 bill has been received from All Seasons and LD Mark has asked architect Chip to get clarity on the charges. The quote to add a basement under the proposed addition is \$47,000. Construction costs continue to go up. The application is still not open for State funding. We are ready.
- E. Astronomy update: The new Star Party signs have arrived and look amazing! The SoVera group just bought a very large telescope that will be housed at the 1879 House- great accessibility for the Star Parties. This telescope can see galaxies very far away and has a gps/app interface. At the Chester Fall Festival SoVera distributed solar glasses courtesy of our Library to 50+ families. There is an annular eclipse on October 14/15 so we should bring home glasses to view. The Reading Library Director, Tony, is excited to collaborate on our Star Parties/StarBBQs.

Adjourn: Mavis made a motion to end the meeting at 8:10 pm. Anne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Submitted by Anne Parent
WPL Board of Trustees Secretary
September 26, 2023