

West Hartford Library Trustees
West Hartford Library
January 17 2018

Present: Judith Roberts, Jeff Moreno, John Newton, Harry Dorman; Director: Sandi Cary

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 and the Pledge of Allegiance given.

Public Comments: none

Secretary's Report: Upon motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Newton reported that expenses through December were \$18,326, 38% of those budgeted. He cautioned that all invoices had not been accounted for and that the number was probably a bit understated. He also noted that the SelectBoard had approved the budgets requested by the town libraries. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the report of the Treasurer was approved.

Director's Report: Cary reviewed the statistics for the month. She noted the two adult programs recently held at the Library and that her intention was to have one a month. The next will consist of a professional organizer who will help folks remove their clutter. She reported that Ancestry. Com has been acquired and patrons will be able to research their ancestors a couple of times a month. Regarding technical needs, Cary noted the support received from the new technician, a freshening of three computers and the recommendation to acquire a new one. The entrance to the Library was power washed just before the cold weather set in. It looks much better thanks to Judy Roberts and Eric Hazen. Benches were not installed this fall, but they have been seen in the hockey rink. The VT state library system has officially opened the courier program for inter-library loans. The state will pay half of the monthly cost [\$7.50]. The Friends of the West Hartford Library have offered to cover the Library's expense. Thanks to the Friends. This will bring the Library in line with the other libraries of the town. Cary reported that she had submitted the required annual [for the year ending June 2017] report to the state.

Friend's Report: no report.

Old Business: Moreno reported on a meeting he had recently had with a member of the Board of Trustees of the Quechee Library. He had had a conversation with a student at Hartford High who had expressed concern about the tensions she understood existed among the town libraries. Her mother is the aforementioned member of the Quechee Library Board. Moreno told the student he would be very happy to meet with her and so the meeting was arranged. They met for about two hours and discussed the issues and perceptions which had arisen over the past years. It was helpful to both participants to better understand the others perspective. Going forward, they discussed reviewing library services among the three libraries and offering to ensure that the residents of the Town have access to as much as possible. This might require a change of service and schedule on the part of one or all libraries. The Board was quite enthused by the discussion and offered kudos to Moreno for his work. Cary suggested that the Directors might meet monthly and noted a regional meeting of Directors next Wednesday.

In response to a query, Moreno has a student who will be able to help patrons with their computer issues in the near future. He cautioned that such a person needs to have a technical capability but more importantly an ability to communicate and respond to the needs of the patron.

The Board discussed the need for another member. Cary will approach a couple of people.

Roberts suggested that Warren Johnston of the column "Raise Your Glass" be invited to provide a program on wine tasting at the Library. Town of Hartford approval will be required, which she will pursue.

New Business: none

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20. The next meeting will be on February 21, 2018 at the West Hartford Library.

Respectfully submitted
Harry Dorman, Secretary