

Westhampton Public Library Board of Trustee

April 14 , 2016; 7 p.m.

Judd Room, Westhampton Library

1 North Rd, Westhampton MA

In attendance: Lynn Cooper, Aniko Giordano, Andrea Belanger, Carol McMurrich,
Lynn Gingras, Barbara Pelissier,

1. **Call to Order** - 7:08 PM
2. **Minutes** - Reviewed and accepted unanimously
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Gift Account- \$22,489.49; Library Building Account- \$8,625.36; Deferred Town Monies-- \$28,909.39. Total is \$60,024.24
(*correction: addition of State Aid Account: \$3011.58 for a Grand Total of \$63,035.82*)
4. **Director's Report** - Maureen will go over budget with Gingras and get a sense of how things will work with the software, so we'll discuss budget next time.
 - a) Budget software as stated in Director's report.
 - b) Discussion of Friday hours-- Gingras is normally here on Fridays anyway... Perhaps we could consider the option of opening on Friday when Saturday hours aren't available? However Elyse said she could staff on Saturdays for a longer season- earlier than October to later than May. Maybe explore the possibility of more Saturday hours? Gingras will discuss it with the staff and see what comes up
 - c) Maureen asks if we should make the results of the survey public- we all agree that it would be valuable for the staff and the community to see some of the results and also for the community to realize that we're considering the results.
 - d) Copier is all set up and online.

e) Reviewed supply list and agreed Gingras has good ideas and as we get closer to year's end we will review the budget and consider.

5. Friends Report Friends haven't met in person but have been taking votes.

a) Tom Martin will get some more mulch, and there will be a volunteer day to work in the garden. Cooper indicates that work day may be scheduled for May 7**. Gingras suggests using HRHS volunteers who need hours.

b) The Rise up Singing Books have arrived. Discuss of whether to circulate, since it is delicate with a spiral binding. Decision that we circulate it locally but not allow it to be held or shipped to other libraries.

c) Next meeting for Friends is May 3.

d) This weekend at 3 pm there is a presentation of the Mills of Loudville on Sunday. Wayne Perrier has put together the presentation and it's the lead up to a history walk.

6. Old Business

a) **Door Closure-** Wade is wavering-- he will maybe get replacement kit (\$2-300) but he fears we might have to do it again. Or, do we want to just pay \$1000 get a brand new one? He's going to look at it again and see if he can figure out what is going on. He won't charge for his time but he will charge for the cost of whatever we replace. Could we take it out of the building account? Dempsey says we could, but before we vote on it let's let Wade take another look to make certain that he doesn't identify an easier fix.

New Business

1. Who pays for what ? Giving Gingras a clear understanding of Friends vs. Trustee payments of library needs.

Pelissier says if volunteers or the staff request it, the Friends would usually fund it. Dempsey suggests that Gingras could always ask the Friends for things she needs, and if they say no, that isn't our domain, then the Trustees will pay for it.

Any other business to come before the meeting

First issue: We had a request to use the outdoor space for May 1 by Tadd Allman-Morton: Wants to have the Blessing of the Animals service on the back lawn. Gingras reports that he asked specifically if it would be OK to have livestock. Trustees say yes, but they would have to be staked, as with the fall festival. Giordano asked if there was a conflict with having a religious ceremony on the lawn- we state that because it's not a library sponsored function, there is no conflict.

Discussion ensues regarding field use policy and the fact that we are not charging fees for field use. Also- discussion of whether they are planning to have coffee hour in the Community Room or at the church. Tadd needs to fill out the form for the CR if that's what's going to happen. Dempsey suggests people could set up a table in the basement with coffee pot so the coffee hour could be outside. We agree that is a better option

Cooper and McMurrich join the field use committee. We agree not to allow pigs at the blessing. We approve the issue.

Second issue: We thought Aniko was up for re-election. Aniko did not get on the warrant, so her spot was not open. So then on recommendation Aniko resigned, and the next step is that someone needs to be appointed by the board of selectmen. Brian Mulvehill wants to join, we can recommend him. Then Celeste may run against Mikki Nevins. Dempsey will further investigate.

Third issue: Giordano brings up the thought of getting feedback from patrons about new books. Such as "staff picks" at Broadside.

Next Meeting- 7 pm on Thursday, May 12

Adjourned at 8:06 pm

****Lynn Cooper confirmed by email the date of May 7th, time 9 AM, in an email directly following the meeting**