

Westhampton Public Library Board of Trustees

April 11, 2019 5:00 p.m. Judd Room
1 North Rd, Westhampton MA

Present: Brian Mulvehill, Anne Marie O'Reilly, Mikki Nevins, Celeste Whiting, Carol McMurrich (taking minutes) and Lynn Blair (present from 5: onwards)

1. **Call to Order** 5:02 pm

2. **Minutes from last meeting** –accepted

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Library Gift Account: \$20,453.15; Library Building Account: \$3,594.48; State Aid \$3398.24; Deferred Town Monies \$18,040.16. Which brings us to a grand total: \$45,486.03

4. **Director's Report:** As written. Wade Clements is still looking into the light timer for the light and will get to it—it is wired differently than he had planned.

5. **Friends Report:** none given

6. **Old Business:**

- a. **Poetry Café** – Monday April 29th at 7 pm. Set up at 6 pm. Carol will bring six tablecloths for use. Brian will bring electric candles. Mikki is on cookies, Lynn Cooper will bring fruit, Mulvehills will also bake something. Brian will organize coffee/tea and Anne Marie will bring cider or other cold drinks.

Ask Lynn Blair regarding whether we need paper products. We have mugs but may need plates and cups

- b. **Town Meeting May 11th** – Much depends on what Finance Committee recommends. Some numbers that Mulvehill brought to FC that will support our proposal are: Overall 1% increase in circulation, 15,000 books, 1000 periodicals, 4000 video materials, 2500 audiobooks, 900 ebooks: just short of 4000 items from other libraries for Westhampton patrons. We had 107 children's programs with attendance of over 1000 children: 1% increase in programming. 209 adult programs with total of 2000 adults in attendance. The library meeting rooms were used 354 times. 23 volunteers contributed over 600 hours (\$7,200 if you paid \$12/hour). Solar panels generated over \$24,000 since origin (average \$4800/year). All that money goes right back to the town (not to us).
 - a. Whiting brings up the suggestion that there be a visual aid in the library that patrons could see prior to the meeting. Could we somehow visually portray these numbers?
 - i. Mulvehill will send McMurrich the numbers and McMurrich will make something eye-catching to display at the library
 - b. Strategy for selling ourselves: be ready to support our position if asked.
 - c. Would be curious to see chart that indicates what percentage of town budget the library takes up.

7. New Business:

- a. Nora Mulvehill would like to extend a formal request that there could be a suggestion box for patrons.
- b. Regarding Caucus: Angela Griefen will be nominated to run against Brian and Mikki.
- c. Brian interested in stepping down from his position as chair, though would consider doing it again in the future when his own life simmers down.

8: Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9th at 7 pm. (Carol will be unable to attend)

9: Adjourn: 5:49 pm.