

Westhampton Public Library Board of Trustees  
February 13, 2020 5:30 p.m.  
Judd Room 1 North Rd, Westhampton MA

In attendance: Lynn Cooper, Anne Marie O'Reilly, Mikki Nevins, Carol McMurrich (taking minutes), Meaghan Schwelm. Absent: Brian Mulvehill and Celeste Whiting

1. Call to Order – 5:40 pm

2. Minutes from last meeting – accepted unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report – Library Gifts Account: \$21,111.25; Library Building Account: \$3594.48; State Aid: \$1798.25; Deferred Town Monies: \$45,957.71.

-Comment made that the State Aid goes towards covering the CWMars membership but does not cover it entirely.

-Nevins remarks that we should come to a consensus on what the gift account is intended for. Cooper says it's not for maintaining or fixing, but for special things, e.g. the coat rack. Will discuss further with full committee.

4. Director's Report – As written, with a note that:

-- No need for two separate budgets as the mandatory spending will not be driven up by capital expenses.

-- **Discussion of voting in the ground rules as proposed by the town will be discussed at the March or April meeting when all are present.**

-- Consideration of having one trustee sign for payroll – Schwelm will email Patty about that.

-- \$900 approved Professional Development –Nevins moves that \$325 is spent for Emily to go to Childrens Book Authors/Illustrators. Seconded and approved unanimously. When Schwelm knows the price of the MLA conference we will vote on that, trustees verbally assure Schwelm that those funds will be approved once we have an exact price.

In addition: Program Description Proposal: Michelle Wagner (Wayne Clements' wife) wants to present: Shamanism for our Times: How ancient, nature-based healing practices may get us through the difficult environmental and political times ahead. Trustees suggest reworking title to remove words political and environmental and agree that this would be an informative session.

5. Friends Report – Schwelm mentioned to Friends about the repairs that we may need— Friendsvopen to helping with fundraising or donating to this cause. Becky Alexander is stepping up as the new treasurer. Linda Stacey has joined board as well. Want to involve Lindsey Sabadosa in the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary party.

6. Old Business

a. Budget update/discussion in preparation for FinCom mtg on 2/25 : Nevins, Mulvehill and Schwelm met and discussed what will be presented, new info from MLBC will help. Anticipate a few questions but prepared for it to go well.

- b. Budget letter sent to FinCom – reviewed.
- c. Poetry Slam Café - March 26th – at 6 pm. **Will divide up who is bringing what at the next meeting.**

7. New Business

- a. 10 Year Capital Plan – **put on agenda again when Phil Dowling can attend**
- b. Youth Group bonfire on Sunday, February 23 from 11:30 - 2:30 is happening, Brian approved.
- c. Use of Property Request - Wedding October 2020 – Reception. Trustees suggest that Schwelm point out that only the Community Room is available and that there would be no alcohol involved; if that is acceptable we would want to know for how many people and what are they planning to serve.

8. Any other business to come before the meeting not anticipated at time of posting- Cooper gives Schwelm Sunderland regulations for their community room so we can make a comparison.

Next Meeting -- March 12, 7 pm.

Adjourn: Moved, seconded and approved unanimously 6:31 pm.