

Westhampton Public Library Board of Trustees  
Thursday, November 17  
6:30 PM  
Westhampton Public Library, 1 North Road, Westhampton

In attendance: Andrea Belanger, Michele Nevins, Maureen Dempsey, Brian Mulvehill, Carol McMurrich, Lynn Blair, Steve Holt (through his presentation).

Absent: Lynn Cooper

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Minutes from the last meeting: accepted

Treasurer's Report: Deferred Town Monies has \$63,154. Gift Account has \$21,189. Library Building Account has \$7,839; State Aid has 0. Blair reports that all budget lines look good. From the Building fund we paid for replacing clapboards but have not paid for painting yet. State Aid is sent out in two parts- last year's November portion was not put into our budget in Quicken. That problem has been fixed, although the old minutes will reflect the wrong numbers. Also Joe helped Lynn fix the fact that the CW Mars bill was accidentally paid from the DTM account.

Director's Report: A regular patron has been requesting large print titles- Blair will begin to purchase 1-2 titles (bestsellers) per month so that we can begin a collection.

-So far nobody has signed up for book delivery service but everyone agrees that it's a wonderful service to offer and we will continue to advertise it.

-Rick and Maureen fixed the bathroom door- many thanks.

-Blair took off the wreath again because people were worried it would fall.

-Also birds are nesting on the porch.

Re: cleaning supplies- Dempsey will look into local areas, possibly Florence Hardware, that may be able to supply us with green supplies.

Donation of print by Peter H. Reynolds: approved by McMurrich and Belanger, pending decision by Cooper.

Steve Holt: Lawn support: lets lawn grow in late August/September, prevents grubs, and then mows it short later in the season (November) to get it nice and short and prevent fungus. Wants to keep the lawn soft and lush for the children to enjoy!

Offers a binder from the UMass Extension service that talks about Lawn Care. Pages on soil Ph, Liming, etc.

Trustees agree that Holt is a responsible steward of our lawn- we are appreciative of his efforts and in the future will trust that Holt is making the right decisions regarding when and how often to mow.

Painting of North wall has been done- Dowling should submit a bill.

Building Maintenance - following up on the thought that we would check in each month with Blair and see if the trustees can help with any regular maintenance for the month. No further conversation for November.

Student Volunteers: One is coming with his aide (Grady), and he's very good. He's in here frequently and he knows where things are. He's done some dusting, etc. and it's been good.

Programming: Mulvehill had brought up a poet. Now he's thinking of a poetry cafe. Snacks, and anyone can get up and read a poem, or anything they want. Trustees are excited about the idea. Blair shares that there are no events scheduled for January or February. Dempsey will bring that up in the December meeting and we will set the date.

Nevins suggests that Jon Katz has a new book coming up in the spring about talking to animals. He loved coming here, and he could come in the spring. Could even be the fall and it would still be relatively recently published.

Service Hours Policy: looked over new version with new winter weather policy. Voted to accept the revised version.

Open Meeting Law Reminder: Reminder that we should not be emailing one another with comments about documents. In the future all conversation must take place at the library in scheduled meetings.

Williamsburg: Book sale made \$1700 and a select board member argued that the friends should not get the money since they were originally purchased with taxpayer money. A trustee sent around a copy from the Mass. general law that we should put in our Collection Development policy that would protect us should we ever decide to have a book sale in the future.

Porch Railing; Wally Marek should be by to look at the railing, which is coming away from the wall.

Any other Business: Dempsey shares that the Monday before Thanksgiving the Selectboard is having a meeting about public records and having them available. So there may need to be a public records person who can track down records. There are a number of new regulations. Dempsey will be there to represent the trustees.

Set Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, December 8 at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:16 PM.