

Weston Public Library Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:45 PM
Conference Room A

Attendance: Barbara Groves, Anne Hunt, Amy Jansen, Lynne Langlois, Rick Ross, Peter Shih, Denis Toner, Karen Tatarka, Susan Richard and Sue Urbania

Absent: Amy Sanborn

Guests: Richard Bochinski (Board of Finance), Jon Rogers (Building Committee) and Cyprian Toczek (RTC Library Board Candidate)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hunt at 7:46 PM.

Peter Shih moved to adjust the agenda by moving New Business to first. Member Langlois seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Chairman Hunt explained details about the Daniel Offutt donation to the library. Richard Bochinski, Finance Committee candidate for special Design and Construction Committee overseeing the Offutt Innovation and Art Center, described his background and answered questions from members. Jon Rogers, Building Committee candidate for the Committee, did the same.

Chairman Hunt made clear that one meeting per week is required and asked for commitments. The sense of the meeting was that members approve the appointment of Richard and Jon.

There was a sense of the meeting that the Library Board of Trustees should not attend the Building Committee meeting scheduled for February 7.

Cyprian Toczek discussed his background, his interest in serving on the Board, and detailed his availability.

It was announced that Speak Up would be this coming Saturday.

February 11 the First Selectman presents his budget to the Board of Selectmen.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Shih discussed ease of his transition to treasurer. He began by thanking his predecessor, treasurer Pam Kersey, and previous treasurer, Denis Toner, for the clarity of their files. He also thanked Chairman Hunt and Director Tatarka for their assistance. Member Ross moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Member Langlois seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

The January 10 minutes were amended. Member Groves moved to accept and Member Toner seconded. There were 6 Approved and Member Ross abstained.

January 15 Special Minutes Meeting minutes were approved as amended. Member Jansen moved to approve and Member Ross seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

January 23 Space Planning Committee Meeting Minutes approved. Chairman Hunt moved to accept the minutes. Member Langlois seconded The motion passed unanimously.

Space Planning

Committee members updated the Board about the progress of the Children's Room, including the sharing of fabric and color samples. The sense of the meeting is that decisions will be trusted to committee members.

Old Business

Daffodil Days will occur in April again, beginning on Wednesday, April 24 and ending on Sunday, April 28. Discussion centered on selecting the performer(s) for the event finale on April 28 (after the Tea Party). Member Toner moved to hire Elvis tribute artist, Lamar Peters, for the final concert. There were 6 affirmatives with one abstention.

Director's Report

The February gate count was 5,628, a 13.5% increase over the previous year and our busiest February on record. February circulations were 4,094, a 13.9% increase over the previous year.

- The Board of Selectmen voted to approve hiring Abigayel Phillips for the PT Library Technology Assistant position. Abigayel's first day will be March 5.
- IT has deployed 2 new public Internet computers. The 2 additional

Friends Report

Susan Richard reported that, not only have the Friends hosted innumerable events with high attendance, several activities have been especially community building. One example is that both men's and women's groups originating in the New Yorker Round Table continue their new friendships outside of the Library (an objective from our last Strategic Plan). Friends are donating an iMac for photo, video, and sound editing.

Member Ross moved to adjourn. Member Jansen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Barbara Groves
Acting Secretary

