

**Wethersfield Library Board
Minutes of August 28, 2012**

Members present: Dorene Ciarcia, Mary Frazier, John Gallivan, Ellyn Laramie, Clare Meade, George Kelly, Stephanie McKenna, Dan Silver.

Others: Laurel Goodgion, Library Director; Jeff Bridges, Town Manager; Martha Mayer, Friends of the Library President.

CALL TO ORDER: Clare Meade called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN:

Clare reported that Laurie Wrona had resigned from the Library Board due to a conflict with her work schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved, seconded and carried to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion union negotiations. Present were: Dorene Ciarcia, Mary Frazier, John Gallivan, Ellyn Laramie, Clare Meade, George Kelly, Stephanie McKenna and Dan Silver, Jeff Bridges and Laurel Goodgion.

Martha Mayer left the room.

It was moved, seconded and carried to end the executive session at 7:25.

Jeff Bridges left the meeting.

Martha Mayer rejoined the meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

The Friends are holding a Volunteer Open House on September 11. It was given great coverage by the *Hartford Courant*. The Friends will be at the Cornfest selling books on September 15.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of May 22, 2012.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of July 24, 2012.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Laurel presented the financials. Laurel shared that Regina Aleksandravicius will make a presentation to the Board on the \$3,000 State Library *Every Child Ready to Read* grant to help attract young parents to the Library and help prepare children for school.

There are new DVD racks in the children's and adult areas. At the suggestion of a patron, the adult self check station was moved to a more prominent area to encourage usage and use is increasing. By the end of the summer, 3,135 items had been donated to Wethersfield Food Bank through the Food for Fines program. The Friends Book Sale will be held the first weekend of November. Laurel passed around a

sign up sheet for the library booth at the Cornfest. Laurel invited all Board members to attend the Business After Hours on September 27. Laurel reported that a \$30,000 grant for the Family Place Library Project has been received from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Most of the money will go to training two members of the Children's Library Staff and the rest will be used for materials.

We have one board vacancy with the resignation of Laurie Wrona. Laurel will follow up with the Town Clerk to learn if anyone has been appointed.

Laurel shared Proposed Library Board Committees and Assignments for 2012 – see attached. Laurel shared Upcoming Events Listing – see attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved, seconded and carried to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the annual review of the Library Director.

Laurel Goodgion left the room.

It was moved, seconded and carried to end the executive session at 8:15 pm.

It was moved, seconded and carried to increase Laurel Goodgion's salary by 3%.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted:
Ellyn Laramie, Secretary

Proposed
Library Board Committees/Assignments
2012

Executive Committee (officers of the Library Board)

Clare Meade, Chairman
Dorene Ciarcia, Vice-chair
Ellyn Laramie, Secretary

Liaison to Friends of the Wethersfield Library: Mary Frazier

Finance Committee

Dorene Ciarcia
(Howie Greenblatt has agreed to serve as a non-Board member)

Outreach Committee

John Gallivan
Stephanie McKenna

Study Committee on Library Privatization

Dan Silver
George Kelly

Library Board

Upcoming events

Cornfest

Saturday, September 15, 2012 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Broad Street Green

The Library has an information booth at the event.

Business after Hours

Thursday, September 27, 2012 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Library Community Room

Co-Sponsored with the Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Library.

Annual Library Board retreat

Select a date

Saturday, November 17, 2012 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 8, 2012 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.