

Wethersfield Library Board Minutes of December 11, 2007

Members present: Paul Courchaine, Greg Curtin, Susan Grady, Clare Meade, Brad Milvae, Pauline Moon

Members excused: Greg Bedula, Tracy Gionfriddo, Howard Greenblatt

Staff present: Laurel Goodgion, director; Liz Kirkpatrick, asst. director

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Greg Curtin called the meeting to order at 7:00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

RENOVATION

Laurel reported that the staff worked very hard to set up the expanded Library facilities. The staff and the public are very pleased with the more spacious Library. It is one-third of the total capacity of the finished Library. The Building Committee came over last night. They were also pleased.

Greg Curtin reported that he had attended the last Building Committee meeting.

Liz Kirkpatrick reported on the construction job meeting she had attended in which the new building façade was discussed. .

Claire Meade asked about the vault for the temporary Town Clerk's office. Laurel answered that Eunice DiBella, state records manager, approved a temporary vault. The contractor has ordered the materials. The vendor said the materials would be here tomorrow. The vault should be built by Friday.

Laurel said there will be a little celebration for the opening of the expanded Library on January 17. There will be refreshments and entertainment by a clown.

The Friends of the Library will pay for two benches which will be used as window seats in the children's area. Two tables and six chairs are also being ordered for the children's area. Money donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. DeSimone will pay for a portion of the children's tables and chairs. The rest of the funds are being donated by the Friends.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

There was no official report from the Friends. Laurel said that the agenda for tomorrow's Friends' meeting included the consideration of an agreement between the Wethersfield Library and the Friends of the Wethersfield Library. It would clarify the relationship between the two groups.

COUNCIL LIAISON: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The [minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2007](#), were approved as distributed.

The [minutes of the special meeting of November 15, 2007](#), were approved as amended.

QUESTIONS FOR THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Laurel distributed the Budget Calendar for the proposed Town budget. The Town Manager would like to schedule budget meetings for an entire Saturday instead of two or three nights a week.

Laurel referred to an email from Christine Bradley, which noted that the largest population of adolescents is presently coming of age. Their numbers are growing at two times the rate of the overall population. The Library still does not have a teen librarian.

Liz Kirkpatrick distributed a packet that was distributed at the Freedom of Information meeting that was held for Town committee and board members on November 14.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising Committee

Claire Meade reported that she and Tracy Gionfriddo have been working with Tracy McDougal on plans for raising funds for the Library. There won't be money left in the renovation budget for all the items that the Library needs. There will be intense pressure on the next Town budget. The committee came up with two goals:

1. Institute a four-month long fundraising plan.
2. Raise the profile of the Library in town: Disseminate information and cultivate a base of grassroot supporters who care about the Library.

Tracy Gionfriddo met with Laurel and got a lot of information on the items needed, which were entered on a spreadsheet that Clare Meade distributed at this Board meeting.

Susan Grady moved that the Board go forward with fundraising plans. Brad Milvae seconded. The motion carried.

At 8:52 Polly Moon moved to go into executive session. Paul Courchaine seconded. The motion carried.

At 9:01 Paul Courchaine moved to go out of executive session. Brad Milvae seconded. The motion carried.

At 9:02 Paul Courchaine moved to adjourn. Brad Milvae seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Grady
Secretary