

Waynesboro Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting - Minutes
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Mahmoud Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Edie Eckman, Board President. Present at the meeting were Edie Eckman, Brenci Patiño, Eric Anderson, Kathy Nixon, Susan V. Versen, Chris McCollum (intern), and Kevin Ryan representing the Friends of the Library (FOL). Melissa Techman joined the meeting virtually.

Approval of February 21, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made, seconded and approved, to accept the minutes of the February 2023 meeting.

Director's Report

Based on her Director's report, Susan shared highlights of the various activities and programs held at and/or sponsored by the Library. February's Circulation showed healthy numbers. Foot Traffic in February was slightly lower than the previous month, but higher (29%) than the same month' in 2022. Wi-Fi and PC usage remained the same as the previous month. The Reading Program in February had low signups, but there were lots of reading time logged. In addition to Tai Chi sessions for seniors, and in partnership with the Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS), the library has been supporting the program *Senior Planet* with exercise classes at the library and at Summit Square. Geared toward children, the library held the event *Clue at the Library*, which was attended by 60 participants. On April 15, the library is hosting the event *Backyard Bats*. The Community Foundation is sponsoring a Next Chapter Book Club to serve developmentally disabled teens and young adults. The library is also participating as a memory partner program for people with dementia. Other outreach efforts include visits to the Rotary Club, the YMCA, local schools, and an upcoming visit to the Frontier Culture Museum in April. The library has submitted an application to the AARP for a mobile technology lab grant. February was Library Lovers Month and, to celebrate, patrons wrote what they love about their library on small cardstock hearts. The meeting rooms are being consistently used by at least seven community groups. A new part-time Youth Services Assistant, to support story time and other programs, has been hired and a Digital Services Coordinator will be hired next. With funding from the FOL, the Library is In the process of ordering polo shirts for staff to wear at special events.

Old Business

The City Council will meet on March 27 and Susan will be in attendance to deliver her State of the Library. She will also address the challenges of space limitations due to the Registrar's currently operating from the Library. When the voting period begins (primaries, early voting, etc.) the Library will lose more meeting spaces, which will make it difficult to accommodate groups such as the Office of New Virginians.

New Business

The Local History Collection Development Policy was discussed and the Board decided to table it until next month. The Board discussed revising their By-laws particularly with regard to certain positions and the meeting time. This was an initial discussion only. There was a motion, which was seconded, to hold a special meeting on April 25 and to cancel the meeting originally scheduled on the 18th.

Friends of Library Report

Ryan shared a brief account of the full FOL's Report. They continue to make preparations for their Annual Dinner taking place in April. At said event, Writer Errol Swift will serve as their guest speaker. The annual book sale will launch on March 29th and end on April 1st. FOL acknowledges that they don't have too much space for their sale due to the space being used by the Registrar. At their February meeting, the FOL

discussed Susan's request for funding to support the acquisition of a mobile reference desk. They approved \$19,000 for programming, equipment and services. The FOL will launch a membership drive in May.

Next meeting

April 25, 2023 at 4:00 pm, at the Library (and via Zoom if unable to attend in person)

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenci Patiño, Secretary