

Waynesboro Public Library

Board of Trustees Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4 by Edie Eckman, Board President. Present at the meeting were Edie Eckman, Eric Anderson, Kathy Nixon, Susan Versen, Melissa Techman, and Kevin Ryan representing the Friends of the Library (FOL).

Approval of March 21, 2023 minutes

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

Director's Report

Summer Reading is going well. 236 members (109 adults) have signed up for the online Summer Reading Club. Saturday programs are full with wait lists. Adult Creative writing program with local author Beth Cassie on June 6th was well-attended, as was the Clue in the Library event June 17th. The Library of Virginia sponsored a transcribe-a-thon event, focused on helping digitize documents re freed local persons. LVA awarded WPL one of 12 Welcoming Library grants. This is a mini-collection of 30 books on the immigrant experience. Coming in July: Chess Club. **Usage and other numbers** show foot traffic busiest in March so far and then May. May circulation was highest so far in 2023, and 20% higher than 2022. May room reservations: 20 mtg room, 37 for the study rooms. May adult volunteer hours were 11.25. **Outreach** via Community in Motion vehicle (a shared project, with the YMCA and Office of Youth) went to low-income housing locations twice a month. Librarian visits included Summit Square, Hiker's Fest, River's Edge Nursing Home. Shenandoah Green brought Flippy the whale to visit the parking lot, to promote less plastic going to the oceans. Posts on

Facebook have promoted STEAM Kits to check out. WPL has become an affiliate for the Next Chapter Book Club, a nonprofit supporting reading and fun for adults and teens with intellectual/developmental disabilities. WPL received funding for this program from the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge.

Policy addition: There was a motion from Ms. Eckman to add more informative language to the WPL Reconsideration Policy, with all voting in favor. This will be added to the policy on the website: "All Library Patrons may have up to five active Requests for Reconsideration at any one time. Once a Request for Reconsideration has been submitted it cannot be withdrawn."

Joint public meeting with Staunton and Augusta Libraries will be Sept. 20th, after 5 p.m., most likely at ACL. Lisa Varga, from VA Library Association, will speak on Library Advocacy.

FOL report from Kevin Ryan included a major donation from former resident, Ken Boatright and the plan to sell books at the Farmer's Mkt.

Next Board Meeting (there is none in July) will be August 15th at 4 p.m. We are sorry to lose board member Kathy Nixon, but wish her all the best at her new home in Florida.

Meeting was adjourned by Board President Edie Eckman at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Techman, Board member