

WPL Board of Trustees

Minutes

May 12, 2025

Called to order at 9:59am

In attendance: Courtney, Katy, Sondra, Diane, Judy, Mary Ellen, Cathy, Jeanne, Suzy

Cathy moved to approve last month's minutes, Diane approved.

Facilities

- Getting closer to final plans, we had a successful meeting with Stuart. Some good ideas came from the community meeting.
- Need help from the building team (Stuart, Michael, and Bryant) to finalize our "CatEx" (categorical exclusion) for NBRC, which will give us our notice to proceed. How deep of an environmental study do we need? We need parameters.
- Working with Michael to finish USDA

Financial

- \$1000 unrestricted grant from Wes Powell Donor Advised fund (NHCF via Peter Powell) is pending.
- Courtney will likely be transitioning out of the CECD (Coos Econ development) grant with ACHS.

Programming

- There were no special programming requests from the trustees.
- Abi Maxwell (NH author), parent of a trans child may ZOOM for June and Suzy will write up the summary and submit to the trustees in advance.

Community

- DPIL has 484 kids enrolled!
- Working with Partners for Rural Impact on a funding route for CHWs in libraries
- Excellent presentation at NHLA conference- 40+ people attended our session

New Business:

NH Gives (statewide day of giving) peer to peer fundraising- Donation matches help. Trustees liked the idea of highlighting the library as a community center. Mary Ellen will look into promoting.

Amazon Wish List - extra push at this time for summer reading. People may find it easier to donate through Amazon in small increments rather than donate larger sums of money.

Sondra has accepted the treasurer position. She has been looking at options for payroll. Judy moved and Cathy seconded approval for the recommendation of the Paychex company to complete the payroll. The trustees unanimously agreed.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2 at 10 AM.

Cathy moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 PM and Sondra seconded.

A closed session to discuss raises for employees was held by the trustees immediately following this meeting.