

WPL Board of Trustees
Minutes
April 1, 2024

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at: 10:05

NOTE: No meeting in March

Librarian's Report

Annual Meeting

- Nomination of officers (current slate)
 - Beth Anderson- President
 - Judy Gessner- Secretary
 - Katy Kopp- Treasurer

Sondra made a motion to accept the slate of Officers. Jeannie seconded it and all were in favor.

- Any changes to meeting days/times? At the present time we will continue meeting on the first Monday of the month at 10:00 at the Library. Cathay will talk to Mary Ellen Cummins about being a second alternate.

Facilities

- Alba update
 - We got some information from our architects and they recommend that we do an addition rather than renovate the basement. We would gain 750 sq ft for one million dollars vs 3000 sq feet in an addition for our two million.
- Revision of plans due to CDFA April 26 - Courtney is in the process of rewriting and resubmitting our grant paperwork as we are doing a redesign and our budget is higher. We need to have the work done by September of 2025.
- Selectboard meeting April 15
 - Board Members are asked to attend as this is the meeting where we are hoping to get the Selectboards approval for our new addition.
 - Friendly letters in support of the library would be great ahead of the meeting.
 - [Clarifying letter/press release](#)

Financial

- Budget review (now that we are approved) We were approved for \$80,000 so we are making progress even though that does not cover the budget. We need \$125,200 to fully fund the budget but we are paying close attention to what we can use grants to cover.
- Adjustments to pay scale
 - Establish intern rate, custodial, base rate for staff able to work solo, etc.
- Grants
 - We still have some that have been submitted that we are waiting to hear about.
 - Lancaster Rotary, Bank of New Hampshire, and Eversource.
- Fundraising for Summer Reading (let's help WOLF!)
 - [List of businesses](#)
 - [Letter](#)

Programming

We are working with ACHS and Lyn and Courtney are working on grants that will bolster Lyn's salary to help save money for the library.

- ECD partnership
- Community Health Worker Training
 - Courtney and Lyn are getting nationally certification through NCHS. This is \$1200 worth of training over 7 Mondays at 6 hours per day.

Old Business:

- Trust Fund information update- Suzy
 - We have finally received the \$5000 from our trusts. There are 3 and the oldest is from 1928. They were in the library accounts until 1975 when the funds were transferred to accounts managed by the town. The Hamilton Trust is generally used for Children's programming while the other two have been used for maintenance in the past. There is a plaque on the side of the card catalogue pertaining to the trust.

A donation has been made to the library, through WOLF, in the amount of \$150,000 by Bob and Lois Styles. Many thanks to them!!

At 11:55 we moved to a non public meeting and at 12:30 we adjourned. The next meeting will be May 6th at 10:00 at the library.