

**Whitefield Public Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
October 6, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 9:58am

Attendees: Courtney Vashaw, Judy Gessner, Cathy Atwood, Mary Ellen Cummins, Jeanne Burdette, Katy Kopp, Teresa Russo

Cathy moved to approve minutes from September 8, 2025. Katy seconded and all approved. There was discussion about last month's minutes not being posted to the website. Courtney suggested we print them and keep a copy in a binder in the library for public access. Mary Ellen will purchase a binder and print the 2025 minutes, assemble the binder and leave it for the librarians to place where appropriate. Courtney said to continue to send the minutes to December for placement on the webpage. The link to the online minutes are always emailed to the board after a meeting once they are completed.

Judy said she'd like to streamline meetings to shorten the length. The new process will be to only discuss agenda items the board has questions on.

Katy asked about the container that has arrived between the library and church. It looks damaged, it's not balanced, not usable. We will wait to see if the town can secure it before anything is placed in the container for storage.

Reports:

Facilities (No action needed)

- Trying to arrange a meeting with DOT to walk the site.
 - Exploring opportunities to use the Catholic Church lawn

Financial (No action needed)

- Unsolicited \$2000 donation/bequest from the estate of Donald Spalding

Programming (No action needed)

- Community Day wrap up-there is no total for the book sale as of yet. It appears the raffle made approximately \$480. We gained 7 new WOLF members.

Community

- Halloween on Friday, 10/31. Book give aways! Board members are welcome (about 4-6pm). Courtney is doing a push for children book donations to give out that night.
- Heartwood is using us as their “home” library. Various classes are coming in once a month to borrow books. Limited programming needs for them at this time.
- Dolly Parton Imagination has lost its funding due to the funding organization, NH Statewide Family Engagement Center, losing its Department of Ed grant. We are funded through December.
 - Working with NHSFEC to find new partners for funding
 - WPL/WOLF can continue to fund the original four towns for a number of months using WOLF money left over from the *last* time this happened.
 - Potential to go to petition warrant articles in each town

Treasurer's Report - Sondra is out of town. Courtney is working on the budget that we will present at our budget meeting with Select board November 3.

Judy moved to enter into our non-public session at 10:30am. Katy seconded.

The next meeting will be November 3.