



WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Robert Damish, Sheila Harbst

Board of Trustees Meeting

March 19, 2019

Trustees Present: L. Czachorowski, R. Damish, S. Harbst, D. McElhinney, B. Oremland

Library Director Present: S. Genovese

1. Call to Order:

- a. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by D. McElhinney.

2. New Business:

- a. Review of Children's Room program and activities was moved to the top of the agenda as five library patrons were present to raise concerns and constructive suggestions for creation of a more welcoming environment and programming for families with young children. Some of their suggestions included:
 - Introducing toys such as a train table, Lego table, puppet theatre, etc.
 - Increasing library contact with Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) via the Walpole Schools as a source of ideas and support
 - Seeking support in resources and programming from the Library Friends and people willing to volunteer time.

Sal presented research done and resources located following a Feb 28 conversation with these library parents. Ideas for sources of supplies and support as well as use of social media were exchanged.

3. Review of Minutes for January 15, 2019 meeting. Minutes were approved by a 5-0-0 vote.

4. Reports:

a. Library Director:

- Beth Goldman will return with one woman show on July 10. Focus of the program is to be determined. Cost will be \$600.
- Security doors have been keyed in line with all library exterior doors.
- Light bulbs throughout the library have been replaced.
- The library's public network has been moved to the OCLN network. This will improve the library's bandwidth with a three-fold increase in speed and at a lower price. Completion of the move is expected by April 1.
- Additional shelving is to be installed in the Young Adult Room and the office of the Children's Librarian.

- b. Friends of the Library:
 - A Parent's Advisory Group will be joining the Friends of the Walpole Public Library.
 - The next meeting of the Friend's Board is April 1. Sal and Deb may attend.
- c. Endowment Committee:
 - The Restated Trust was approved and will be filed with the Secretary of State's Office by April 1.
 - The Endowment Committee plans to meet with an investment consultant. Date to be determined.

5. Action Items:

- a. Endowment Invoices
 - Banker and Trademan two year subscription- \$619.00
 - Overdrive- \$3,000.00
 - Hoopla- \$3,000.00
 - Value Line- \$1,103.00
 - Whalley Computers- \$820.00

Total= \$8,542.00, Approved by vote of 5-0-0
- b. Computer replacements in staff offices
 - Two computers to be purchased from Whalley Computer Associates for total of \$2,099.00

To be funded via State Aid

6. Old Business:

- a. Update on Community Room scheduling
 - Town Hall main Meeting Room may not be ready until June.
 - Selectman, School Committee and Planning Board Meetings are scheduled through May.
- b. A Junior Women's Club representative will attend April meeting to address the Beverly Marston memorial.

7. Additional New Business:

- a. Possible funding source for Children's Room programs and activities- Revolving Fund derived from library overdue book fees. Possibility to be reviewed with town officials.
- b. Mobile Hotspots- a device that creates WiFi internet connection- possibility of offering as a lendable item to be considered. Will research use in other towns.
- c. Automatic Renewals - to be considered.

8. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 9:14 PM.
- b. Next meetings scheduled in 2019: April 16, May 21, June 25

Submitted by L. Czachorowski, April 5, 2019