

Approved

**Wethersfield Library Board  
Minutes of July 28, 2015**

Members Present: Dorene Ciarcia, Martha Conneely, Peter Denegre, Hannah Granfield, George Kelly,

Members Excused: Mary Frazeur, Laila Mandour, Terry Santapaola

Others: Brook Berry, Library Director  
Carolyn Vallieres, Friends of the Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dorene Ciarcia called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Community Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Martha Conneely moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting, as corrected to reflect the correct date of the meeting. Peter Denegre seconded. All voted in favor, except Peter Denegre and, Hannah Granfield, who abstained.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Peter Denegre moved to approve the following proposed slate of officers:

Chairman: Dorene Ciarcia  
Vice Chairman: Martha Conneely  
Secretary: George Kelly

Hannah Granfield seconded.

All voted in favor.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Carolyn reported that the Friends are in the process of arranging another children's book sale for teachers, similar to last years, around the start of school. The teachers seemed pleased with last year's sale.

The Friends are also preparing for the Cornfest

The annual meeting will take place October 13.

The Book Sale. will be held November 7 and 8. Fifty volunteers have already signed up. A Preview Party will take place on Thursday, November 5 at 5:30.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Brook and Dorene met with Jeff Bridges to discuss the Board's ability to raise funds on its own. The Town Attorney stated that there were no legal impediments to this practice. No plan is in place yet, but we have been cleared to proceed. We are waiting to get some idea from the architect and engineer about the cost of the renovation project.

It was decided not to make a withdrawal from the Sjoman Fund at this time. The Board may revisit this decision at a later time.

The August meeting will remain on the calendar for now, but may be cancelled depending on developments.

## CORN FEST SIGN UP:

The Corn Fest will take place September 19. Dorene distributed a sign up sheet for Board members.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Brook reported on the Summer Reading Program. 2600 residents were registered.

There is a heavy demand for the museum passes. Brook thanked the Friends for their funding of this program.

Brook discussed the library usage statistics. The June statistics are up slightly because the Library was open for five extra days. It will take another year to develop a complete year-to-year usage comparison.

Wireless use continues to increase.

Brook also reported on the ALA which she recently attended. There were several helpful sessions, including discussions of one library's transition to a real community center and the process by which grant-makers decide on grant recipients.

We will be installing additional security cameras in the building. These will supplement the cameras being installed in the Town Hall.

The renovation and addition to our furniture stock is proceeding. These include replacement of the wheels on the chairs at the computer stations; reupholstering; and new chairs for the staff, lounge seating and the mezzanine area

The bedbug dogs came through for a periodic check. Staff discarded any books the dogs indicated. We are acting aggressively to minimize any problems.

The Library has purchased a to a service which provides online tutorials for technology (Lynda.com)

August 10 is the current target date to begin the union negotiations.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

In light of the meeting with the Town Manager on fund-raising, the Outreach Committee will now meet to develop ideas. The Finance Committee will meet in September.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Hannah Granfield moved to adjourn. Peter Denegre seconded. All voted in favor

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Kelly, Secretary