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**Wethersfield Library Board
Minutes of October 23, 2012**

Members present: Dorene Ciarcia, Mary Frazeur, Ellyn Laramie, Clare Meade, Stephanie McKenna, Dan Silver.

Others: Laurel Goodgion, Library Director; Susan Kosman, Friends of Wethersfield Library.

Excused: George Kelly, John Gallivan.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Clare Meade called the meeting to order at 6:59.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None .

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Susan Kosman spoke and shared two new Board Members Barbara Prepenske and Patricia Marks, Martha was reelected as President. Book Sale scheduled for Nov. 3rd and Nov. 4th. The Friends have received additional payments from the Neighbor to Neighbor Challenge of \$200. Martha is hosting a Book Discussion with her writers group.

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON: None.

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN:

Library Board Chairman Clare Meade shared that she, Dorene and Laurel attended the Hartford Foundation Workshop entitled "Building an Effective Board Chair/CEO Partnership. They heard some interesting ideas and plan to meet to discuss: continuing to fine tune the appraisal process, Director oversight & Board oversight, and the many ways to volunteer for an organization, i.e. fundraisers. Clare stated that we are down one Board member. Hopefull this will be filled after the elections. This is a Republican seat.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF September 25, 2012.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of September 25, 2012.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Laurel reported that the union contract were signed on October 20th. Laurel thanked Board members for attending the September Business After Hours. There was a good turnout and

many positive comments. She thanked the Friends for their support at event. She shared there is now a link on the library home page to *Freading*, the new e-book service. *Freading* will increase our online lending library.

Dr. Kirkpatrick spoke on *Witchcraft in Wethersfield* and they had 64 attendees. Laurel shared a report from *Wethersfield's Community Plan for Young Children and Families*, written by Wethersfield Early Childhood Collaborative. You can find copy at school website.

Interviews are being held for a part time position for 17-19 hours. There were 78 applicants down to 2. Ellen and Regina are at Family Place Training in NY and will report to us as they progress on grant. Laurel will be hosting a Library Directors roundtable meeting to discuss common issues. The Library Board annual retreat is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th. Laurel reported on the Annual CT State Grant Report which she just completed. She finds the process very helpful. The Library has started offering a monthly program for teens, scheduled after school. The first program, cupcake decorating, was very popular. A "Zombification" program is scheduled and there will a gingerbread house making program in December. The programs are aimed at middle school students.

Ellyn distributed a copy of an *Woman's Day* article about public libraries.

MOTION TO AFFRIM THE RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT USE POLICY.

It was moved, seconded and carried to affirm the Resident and Non-resident Use Policy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Study Committee: None .

Finance Committee: Dorene reported that the committee will meet before the next Board Meeting.

Outreach Committee: Stephanie said that she and John plan to meet with Laurel on marketing with art teacher at WHS and will hang student art in library. The will possibly host some poetry slams.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellyn Laramie. Secretary