

**Wethersfield Library Board
Minutes of May 3, 2011**

Members present: Bradley Milvae, Laura Nash, Dan Silver, David Troy, Timothy Tuell.

Others: Martha Mayer, Friends of Wethersfield Library President; Laurel Goodgion, Library Director.

Absent: Kimberly Bobin, Ralph Horowitz, Clare Meade, Jennifer Miglus, David Drake, Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER: Timothy Tuell called the meeting to order at 7:00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Dan Silver: report on the Sjoman Trust.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

- The Mystery book sale was not as profitable as hoped; \$57 dollars, plus an undetermined amount paid at the circulation desk.
- The Friends' March book sale yielded just over \$4000.
- The last Community Center book sale for seniors will occur in May.
- The Friends are considering participating in the "Geek the Library" public awareness campaign. This campaign is underwritten by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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- At Tim Tuell's request, Dan Silver reported that Jane Sjoman's house had been sold for \$199,000. This is lower than first anticipated but still very helpful. The proceeds from the sale of the house will go into the Jane Sjoman Trust. As indicated by the Trust agreement, interest on the funds will be used to purchase materials for the adult collection.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2011

- Approval was tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of a quorum of members present who attended the March 22 meeting.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The financial reports were reviewed.
- The town hall and library will no longer be part of the electrical power-on-demand shutdown. This is welcome news because the library does not have generator backup and currently has to close when there is a power-on-demand shutdown.
- Laurel presented a statistical report on the progress of weeding and tagging the materials collection, broken down by areas of the collection. Overall, 46% of the collection has been weeded and 26% has been tagged with RFID tags. There was discussion about the pace at which this project is proceeding.

- Laurel presented a report on the ConnectiCard annual user statistics for the 2010-2011 year. These data show that Wethersfield library loans more items to people from out of town than Wethersfield residents borrow from other libraries. David Troy remarked that this interest in the Wethersfield Library collection showed what a good collection it is. The library received \$13,400 reimbursement from the State Library for its participation in the ConnectiCard reciprocal borrowing program.
- Laurel attended the public hearing on the Town budget and distributed an information flyer about libraries filling an economic gap.
- At Laurel's request, Town Manager Jeff Bridges will be giving his Power Point presentation on the proposed town budget to the library staff at their monthly staff meeting tomorrow.

REVISIONS TO THE MEETING ROOM POLICY:

- The proposed revisions to the Meeting Room policy were discussed. Dan Silver said that written guidelines need to be developed in order to avoid prejudicial discrimination when determining when a group would "pose a potential threat". Laurel will gather information and report back at the next meeting. The policy was tabled until the May 24 meeting.

At 8:03 it was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

The next regular board meeting will be on May 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted 05/11/2011