

Wenonah Free Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes May 4, 2022

Attendees: John Dominy, Michelle Contarino, Ellen Hummel, Linda Helmbrecht Absent: Anna Kmiec, Carol Newman, Deb Cline, Anne Zuber

M Contarino opened the meeting at 7:16 p.m. at which time the Open Public Meeting Notice was read: *In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, notification of this meeting has been sent to The South Jersey Times, and posted on our webpage and on the bulletin board in the library.*

**Read and approve**

- The Board deferred the approval of the minutes from the April 6, 2022.
- There was no Treasurer's report.
- The Board approved the bills lists for April 2022 (Motion by J Dominy/Seconded by L Helmbrecht/All in favor).

**There was no Librarian Report.**

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**Old Business**

- The beekeeper and roofer found no bees on April 30, 2022. Roofer Emmons will provide an estimate for sealing any remaining openings around flashing to prevent bees from reentering.
- The used books sale on April 23, 2022 had plenty of volunteers from WFL trustees, Woman's Club and Boy Scouts. Anne Zuber manned a table of "rare" books for sale with prices based on estimated values researched by Nicole Odenbrett, which added \$369. Total sale proceeds was \$782 to Friends of the Library, highest in recent history.

**New Business**

- Volunteer Nicole Odenbrett has been performing inventory on select areas of the collection.
- Staff member Mike Matalavage's last day before summer was May 4 and he hopes to return during fall semester, working around his college schedule.
- Gloucester County Library System has eliminated fines on most materials. Other libraries in the consortium will continue to collect fines and forward them to the owning libraries. Salem County College Library plans to go fine free in near future. Sirsi will create a quarterly report to determine fines collected for distribution to owning libraries.
- Brandywine Museum Pass will be available to patrons beginning May 1, 2022.
- Karel Black and Michelle Dickson have begun planning the summer reading program, "Oceans of Possibilities." Adventure Aquarium program will be the finale on July 28, 2022.
- New employees Holly Hirschkoft and Annie Mendelsohn began unsupervised shifts this week.
- A member of Wenonah Historical Society asked if the library has space to display some of their materials. Anne suggested Wenonah Free Public Library, Woman's Club of Wenonah and Wenonah Historical Society combine efforts to investigate possibility of establishing a museum. Anne said she could investigate grants through the New Jersey State Library for Wenonah Library to expand its services this way. New staff member Annie Mendelsohn is interested in helping to pursue the idea

M. Contarino closed the meeting at 7:37 pm. (Motion by J. Dominy/Seconded by L. Helmbrecht/All in favor).

Next meeting June 1, 2022

**2022 meeting dates**

1/5/22, 2/2/22, 3/2/22, 4/6/22, 5/4/22, 6/1/22, 7/6/22, 8/3/22, 9/7/22, 10/5/22, 11/2/22, 12/7/22.