

Wenonah Free Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 1, 2022

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

C. Newman opened the meeting at 7:11 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 approved the minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting. (Motion by D. Cline/Seconded by L. Helmbrecht/All in favor).
- The Board deferred approval of the minutes from the May 4, 2022 meeting.
- Treasurers report - Bank balances as of 6/1/22: \$3,915.50 in checking, \$35,077.69 in savings.
- The Board approved the Bills lists for May 2022 (Motion by D. Cline/Seconded by L. Helmbrecht/All in favor).

Librarian Report

April 2022 stats

AF-131 ANF- 5 JF-94 JNF-28 Vid-9 Aud-1 + 27 JC/ILL (borrow 2, lend 25) Total = 305
Overdrive/Libby eBook/Audiobook downloads = 49
Ebsco interface sessions = 32, web service interactions = 111.
Hoopla - 5 patron set up accounts, 34 items borrowed, \$70.96 used in April
Type breakdown for hoopla – 15 audiobooks, 9 eBooks, 3 comics, 5 TV, 1 movie, 1 music.

May 2022 stats

AF-153 ANF- 7 JF-92 JNF-19 Vid-15 Aud-0 + 16 JC/ILL (borrow 1, lend 15) Total = 312
Overdrive/Libby eBook/Audiobook downloads = 55
Ebsco interface sessions = 21, web service interactions = 57.
Hoopla - 0 patron set up accounts, 27 items borrowed, \$64.33 used in May
Type breakdown for hoopla – 17 audiobooks, 5 eBooks, 2 comics, 3 movies.
Beginning account \$1000, balance \$470.44.

Old Business

- Emmons will write up estimate for sealing any remaining openings around roof flashing to keep bees from finding their way back into the roof.

New Business

- Residual used books deemed to have some value are being displayed on a cart in vestibule for sale. Since the book sale we have sold another \$135.00 to forward to Friends of the Library account.
- New employee Holly contracted and recovered from Covid. Cindy and Michelle covered hours during her absence. SAT instructor reported a positive Covid test result after the 5/24 program. Attendees were notified. We will post a sign suggesting patrons consider wearing masks in the library.
- Cindy is investigating a program through Baker & Taylor called sustainable shelves, which works much like the Better World Books program to take donated books or books discarded by the library for evaluation for resale or recycle. There is no cost to the library and library gets a credit toward future purchases. Could save time and perhaps make more than \$1/book at our book sales.

- GCSI is to perform the annual security system inspection on 6/2/22.
- Franklin Township library is discarding its outdoor drop box. Anne has claimed the box for WFL library and will ask public works to help install.
- Library will again serve as registration point for July 4th parade and activities.
- Anne received an estimate of \$1800 from Timber Cut Tree service to trim the large sycamore tree overhanging the Donnelly's property. Expert Tree Service quoted \$1000. Awaiting a third estimate after which Board will vote.
- 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. D. Cline will check with owner of yoga studio to see what plans she has for that building. Deb also suggested the Nutcracker Shop building.
- Anne will be away from 6/7 to 6/14/22.

C. Newman closed the meeting at 7:56 pm. (Motion by D. Cline/Seconded by L. Helmbrecht/All in favor).

Next meeting July 6, 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.