

**Wenonah Free Public Library
Meeting Minutes 1-7-17**

Present: Anne Zuber, Rachel McCalley, Michelle Contarino, Carol Newman, Suzanne Christensen, Tom Myers and Carl Hausman (for John Dominy)

Reorganization Meeting called to order at 10:19. Motion to approve new officer assignments for 2017 made by Susy Christensen. New officer assignments: Michelle Contarino as President, Rachel McCalley as Secretary, and Carol Newman as Treasurer. Tom Meyers seconds motion. All in favor. New board members approved. Meeting closed.

Meeting reopens at 10:20 and open public meeting notice given.

Due to lack of quorum, November meeting minutes are tabled until the Feb. 1st meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Bill's list reviewed. Today's bank balances: checking \$2,776.73 and savings \$18, 127.30. Motion to approve by Rachel McCalley and seconded by Susy Christensen. All in favor. Bill's list and treasurer's report approved.

Librarian Report

Nov stats AF-206 ANF-31 JF- 104 JNF- 17 Vid- 178 Aud- 3 eBook/Audio Downloads-73	Total = 711
	2015 Nov Total = 551 + 93 digital = 644
Dec stats AF- 184 ANF- 42 JF-109 JNF- 14 Vid- 128 Aud- 4 eBook/Audio Downloads- 64	Total = 524
	2015 Dec Total = 559 + 92 digital = 651

Grand totals 2016 = 7387 items, 796 digital downloads, & 8249 patrons.

Grand totals 2015 = 8926 items, 973 digital downloads, & 8731 patrons.

See attached report to council for 2016. Presented at Wenonah Borough reorganization meeting on Thursday 1/5/17.

Old Business

~ Emmons -Front door refinishing outside only, inside to be scheduled. Still pending.

~ Don Sayre stairwell repair and painting complete.

~Lion's Club offer of donation in memory of John Howard. Email reply indicates Flagpole plan approved by the Lion's Club. Awaiting word from them about how the project will proceed.

~Wilson vs. Wenonah- met with lawyer and formulated response. Advised that process may take a year to resolve.

~Mosaic by Rebekah Cohen complete-Paid our portion; awaiting grant money to be paid to us then forwarded to Rebekah. Plan unveiling event for February 4th "Take Your Child to the Library Day".

~Automatic phone calls for overdue reminders being managed by Mullica Hill tech staff. Will be customized for each library. Not yet working properly.

~ Lighting for stairwell complete.

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~Rocking chair donated by the family of Joseph Abbott, former SAT class instructor that passed away from ALS in September.

~Offer of donation of Thomas the Train activity table by former board member Kris Murtha.

~96 letters to Santa's Mailbox were received and answered before Christmas. See binder.

~Wenonah Community calendar on-line was updated for 2017.

~ Capital Purchase Schedule-all projects on HOLD

Friends-

~Michelle Contarino reported that Young Adult Book Club (for 6-8th graders) is scheduled for February 3rd from 7-8pm. The students will be reading and discussing, The Leaving. Other ideas Michelle discussed were a "Mommy and Me" book club for younger readers. She also suggested implementing a town wide reading program, with a "Where's Waldo" theme that would incorporate local business and/or residences. Finally, Michelle suggested a "homebound" program that would be a proactive service, bringing books to residents that were homebound due to sickness or injury.

Other ideas discussed at the meeting included:

-New logo/branding. It was suggested that students in the Art and/or Graphic Arts Programs at Gateway could get involved in the process (possibly a contest). Susy Christensen has experience in PR and volunteered to help with this.

-An Open/Closed sign for the outside of the building.

-Signage. Anne Zuber has signs that could be used outside of the library and around town (prior to events) to let residents know about upcoming events.

-Library Week. Scheduled for April 9-15th. We discussed ideas for spreading the word throughout the school and town. One idea was a golden ticket that Anne Zuber could distribute at school to students, which they could then bring with them to the library.

-Incorporating the memorial for John Howard with the Fourth of July festivities. Rachel McCalley agreed to reach out to the Lion's Club Fourth of July chairman, Ron Cline, to see if the club would be interested in working together on this, possibly including the dedication in the program.

Next meeting, Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00pm

Michelle Contarino made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:11pm and Susy Christensen seconded. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by Rachel McCalley.