

Wenonah Free Public Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Rescheduled from November 3, 2021 to November 15, 2021

Attendees: Michelle Contarino, Jessica Doheny, Ellen Hummel, Deb Cline, Anne Zuber. Absent: Kristine Height, Linda Helmbrecht, Carol Newman

M. Contarino opened the meeting at 7:02 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**

- Approval of the October 6, 2021 minutes was postponed due to lack of quorum of attendees at that meeting.
- There was no Treasurer's Report.
- The Board approved the bills lists for October (Motion by D. Cline/ seconded by J. Doheny/All in favor).

**Librarian Report**

October 2021 stats

AF-179 ANF-24 JF-137 JNF-6 Vid-16 Aud-2 eBook/Audio Downloads-57 +JC/ILL 23 Total = 444

EDS – 36 sessions (EBSCO renewal of \$2100 is in the 2022 budget. The Board discussed ways to promote the service including focusing on use by high school students, increasing email and social media posts, and surveying users.)

Hoopla - 0 patrons set up accounts, 8 items borrowed, \$14.86 used in October

Hoopla type breakdown– 5 audiobooks, 2 eBooks, 1 TV show.

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**Old Business**

- Billing for AT&T OfficeAtHand VoIP service needed to be adjusted again due to late payments and finance charges. Autopayment is in the works and due date is 24<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- FURever As Friends S.M.I.L.E. program coordinator found volunteers who can start in December.
- Academy of Natural Sciences museum pass expired 10/30/21, had not been well-used. Museum of American Revolution available until 2/28/22.
- Library windows were cleaned on Friday, 10/29/21.
- Story time librarian Mike Matalavage changed story time to Wednesday afternoons at 4:00. Still requiring masks and sending craft home.
- SAT prep program on 11/2/21 had seven students), another session scheduled for 11/30/21. Limited attendees & masks required.
- Beekeeper Stephen Kozachyn sealed interior entrances to honeybee hive between slate roof and ceiling in northeast corner of the building. He quoted \$1900.00 to remove bees, honey and wax and clear all traces of hive. Emmons Roofing quoted \$3445.00 to repair slate roof and replace shingles following removal. Will wait until spring to increase chances the bee colony can survive the move. Anne will write a memo to the file detailing unsuccessful efforts to get other beekeepers to quote job.
- Library did not apply to receive Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund grant. Process was complicated, T-mobile rep was unresponsive with details needed to apply and other local libraries did not apply. Anne will continue to investigate acquiring portable hotspot technology for use by library and for lending.
- Irrigation system was winterized on 10/20/21.
- One more quote is necessary before a decision can be made on lighting plan. D. Cline will try to get another quote.

**New Business**

- Anne forwarded correspondence from Mayor Dominy and Wenonah Planting Fund GoFundMe link to former resident, Merle Richman, who called the library to offer donation to relief efforts. Anne also placed a link to the GoFundMe on the library webpage.
- NJ State Library has published library funding figures. Spreadsheet reviewed. Library received State Aid check for \$1250.00.

