

Wenonah Free Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes September 2, 2020
Virtual Meeting Held Via Zoom

Present: Anne Zuber, Michelle Contarino, Jessica Doheny, Ellen Hummel, Carol Newman, Carol Murphy, Linda Helmbrecht, Deb Cline. Absent: John Dominy

Called to order: M. Contarino called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm 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

- Minutes from the August 5, 2020 meeting were approved as revised. (Motion by J. Doheny/Seconded by D. Cline/E. Hummel and L. Helmbrecht abstained. All others in favor.)
- Approval of minutes from the June 3rd and July 10th meetings were tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum.
- Treasurers report: As of September 2, 2020 the checking account balance was \$4,242.62 and the savings account balance was \$33,529.70.
- The Board approved the August bills list. (Motion by L. Helmbrecht/Second by J. Doheny/All in favor).

Librarian Report

August 2020 stats: AF-177 ANF-16 JF-143 JNF-4 Vid-21 Aud-1 eBook/Audio Downloads-122 + JC/ILL 0 Total = 484
Anne has filed a request as to why the state library has not provided Ebsco Discovery Service (EDS) statistics.

Old Business

- LibraryLinkNJ has suspended transit system until further notice. Warehouse delivery scheduled for 7/29/20 did not arrive. Anne contacted NJStateLibrary, LibrarylinkNJ, and TForce Delivery to investigate. Local LOGIN libraries have done transit book swaps several times during the shutdown to aid in having books returned to their owning libraries. Future swaps are scheduled for 9/18/20 at Franklin, 10/16/20 Deptford and 11/13/20 at RCSJ.
- EDS service: The LOGIN consortium has voted to discontinue this service, but Wenonah residents have been using it even without a link on our website. Anne believes this is still worthwhile, especially for academic purposes. About half a dozen libraries including RCSJ would like to continue the service and will form a subgroup to negotiate a manageable cost. Jane Crocker director of the RCSJ (Rowan College at South Jersey) library is negotiating to continue the service and if not will try to negotiate a discount on the Login fees due to termination of the service.
- The Library's landscaper, Sunsational Landscaping, reported the outdoor lighting has been tampered with (unplugged) on multiple occasions. He suggested replacing the existing outlet with a locking box. Leonard Electric quoted \$200. Anne contacted Jonathan Barbato to see if that is a reasonable price and ask if he would do it for less. Decision pending. The landscaper has also worked on the malfunctioning sprinkler but was unable to recreate the problem.
- Jonathan Barbato added another fixture to the center of the downstairs, modified the look of the cables and changed bulbs on the new pendant light.
- The latches on several window well covers are damaged and Anne has twice contacted Don Sayres, the handyman who built them, to schedule repairs. She also asked that the plants in the window wells be cleared out. No progress on this.

New Business

- The Board approved the schedule of Meetings for 2021 as follows: 1/6/21 at 7 pm (Reorganization Meeting), 2/3/21, 3/3/21, 4/7/21, 5/5/21, 6/2/21, 8/4/21, 9/1/21, 10/6/21, 11/3/21 all at 7 pm. (Motion by C. Newman/Seconded by C. Murphy/All in favor).
- Storytime is moving from Wednesday to Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in consideration of the Wenonah Elementary School schedule. Anne may be able to provide another session at the regular Wednesday 10:00 am time for children out of school for virtual lessons. Will investigate interest.
- Ellen O'Laughlin is investigating a hybrid teen book club offered by Baker & Taylor (the library's book vendor), which would involve a group book purchase with supporting online discussion sessions and author visit. More info at October. meeting.

- Wenonah Library offered space for Wenonah School students who may need individual instruction outside the school building. Also suggested additional outdoor or virtual story programs to supplement school curriculum. Staff suggestions to be discussed at staff meeting on September 3, 2020. Wenonah School also asked that we investigate the possibility of offering opportunities for virtual learning to students who may have diminished internet connectivity.
- The Library's front door and the book return boxes need to be refinished. Anne will investigate options.
- D. Cline suggested the Library investigate using a UV light wand to kill germs so books can be put back into circulation sooner.

M. Contarino adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Next meeting, October 7, 2020