

MINUTES
West Tisbury Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, July 13, 2010
at the West Tisbury Public Library

In Attendance

Trustees: Hal Garneau, Linda Hearn, Hermine Hull, Ginny Jones, Dan Waters

Director: Beth Kramer

Linda Hearn called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Ginny Jones moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 9, 2010. Hal Garneau seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor except Hermine Hull, who abstained because she was absent at that meeting.

No Friends being present, there was no Friends Report.

Director's Report

Beth Kramer reported that circulation was up 22.2% over last year, and that total patron activity was up 24.2% over June of 2009. For the fiscal year just ended, circulation was up 19.3%; total patron activity up 17.3%; patron visits were up 3.2%; and program attendance was up 66% and 34.7% for the year. Summer staff includes three new shelvers: Matt Kramer, Fred Thornbrugh and James Knowles. In the two library page positions are Zen Hughes and Olivia deGeoffroy.

Beth noted that Nelia Decker has visited with both the West Tisbury School and the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School regarding the summer reading program. Nelia was interviewed on MVTV for summer reading picks and discussed some of the library's plans. The summer reading kickoff had over 200 attendees. Beth said the library carpets were cleaned, that the windows will be cleaned this week, and that new shades have been ordered for the four front windows.

Beth reported that the library reached the end of the fiscal year with all funds expended but without the need for a funds transfer or a special request from the Finance Committee. Dog tax monies were spent to cover some payroll expenses, and Beth said she would like to work with Hal Garneau (board treasurer) in planning next year's budget request to reflect this increased need and to plan for the future. A special line item is being created in the town budget to reflect the Franklin donation and keep it separate from general town funds. The library has requested an additional \$25,000 from the Friends for the pre-design phase of the library addition, since pre-design costs are now estimated to be closer to \$75,000 than to the original \$50,000 estimated by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. In other financial news, Beth noted that the library has received \$250 from the estate of Robert W. Vincent and \$82.60 from Our Island Club.

With regard to upcoming events, Beth said that the Building Committee will take an off-Island

tour on Wednesday of public libraries in Mashpee, Marstons Mills and Lakeville (if there is time enough), to look at additions and renovations. She said that volunteers and cashiers are still needed for the Friends' Book Sale. The volunteers appreciation party will be Wednesday, August 4th, 6 to 8 p.m. at Linda's. Trustees are asked to bring food. The West Tisbury Library Foundation will kick off its capital fund-raising campaign with an event on Sunday, August 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Building Committee Update

Linda reported that the new OPM has been pleasant, accommodating, knowledgeable and honest, and that the Building Committee is working toward a contract that is presently in the hands of Jen Rand and Town Counsel. There will be a walk-through of the library with architectural candidates on July 28th.

Beth and Linda recently walked the Maley property with Tim and Eileen Maley, with regard to possible location of a well there, and they have met with the selectmen, who gave permission to proceed in this direction. Glenn Hearn will help by supplying background information and research for this process. Linda has written to the Vineyard Conservation Commission, which holds the conservation restriction on the Maley property, seeking permission to move forward with hiring an engineer to submit applications to the town Board of Health and the state Department of Environmental Protection. At the 2010 Town Meeting there was an appropriation for capital expenses for a well hookup. It is not clear who controls this money and who decides how it will be used, but the hope is that it can be used for the first phase of the well on the Maley property.

In conclusion, Linda noted that Al DeVito has been seated and is active on the Building Committee.

Foundation Update

Dan gave a brief summary of two recent meetings of the West Tisbury Library Foundation on June 21 and July 12. House parties are being planned, and invitations have been sent out to prospective guests. The Foundation met privately on July 10 to help firm up their commitment and strategic plans. David McCullough has agreed to give a public reading next July of his new book, which is due in fall of 2011. The reading will be held at the new Ag Hall and will benefit the West Tisbury Library Foundation. Dan will give presentations at a house party on July 25, a public forum on July 26, and at the Foundation kickoff on August 1. He will also help Beth create a Powerpoint presentation for the architects' walk-through on July 28. Beth noted that the library needs to go before the Selectmen for permission to hold the Foundation's private event at the library on August 1.

Old Business

Ginny Jones reported that she had been at a meeting that morning with the Selectmen, the acting Police Chief, the Fire Department, the Planning Board, MVC staff and people from the state to discuss changes to the intersection at State Road and Old County Road. At that meeting she mentioned the crosswalk between Alley's Store and the Howes House, and the inability thus far to get it repainted. It is possible that line painters may come soon. Ginny has also inquired about

signs directing the public to public restrooms, and asked that the Vineyard Transit Authority tell passengers where the restrooms are and their open hours.

New Business

Beth reminded trustees of the Volunteer appreciation party at Linda's. Nelia and Colleen are doing invitations and a flyer. Ginny reminded trustees that it has not yet been resolved where the library will function during construction. Beth noted that this has been a concern of the Building Committee.

With no correspondence and no comments from the public, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Waters
Clerk