

MINUTES
West Tisbury Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, August 10, 2010
at the West Tisbury Public Library

In Attendance

Trustees: Hal Garneau, Melissa Hackney, Linda Hearn, Ginny Jones, Dan Waters

Director: Beth Kramer

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

Meeting Minutes

Ginny Jones moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 2010 with one minor correction. Hal Garneau seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor except Melissa Hackney, 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 and total patron activity were slightly down from July 2009, probably due to weather. Children's circulation was up, as were Inter-Library Loans and computer use. Programming was up almost 12% and attendance was up almost 18%. In this period of transition away from SEMLS, Laura Coit is implementing new ILL procedures and noting the additional costs of mailing ILLs. These will need to be added to next year's budget.

Beth said that summer shelvers will be finished in two weeks. She noted that there is a large dead tree that will require professional removal, and that she will check with Executive Secretary Jen Rand about funds that may be available for this. Beth reminded the trustees that the annual meeting of the Friends is Tuesday, August 31 at 4 p.m. The Friends will no longer be selling bags or jewelry, which had been used to the Building Fund, since the Building Fund has been turned over to the Library. There is a possibility that the Foundation will resume sale of bags, pins and pendants. Colleen has begun planning for fall programs.

Building Committee Update

Linda reported that the town is about to sign a contract with the new Owner's Project Manager. She said that 12 architects came for a walk-through of the library. The Building Committee is reviewing their proposals and will be discussing them at their meeting Friday morning. Melissa asked what the architects are presenting. Beth said the presentations have to do with insurance, organization, timeline, references, experience, and schematics. The presentations are very varied in their thoroughness.

Foundation Update

Dan gave a brief summary of Foundation activity. Plans are under way for more house parties, a large-scale educational wall display in the library, and a more thorough database to keep track

of donor status. The Foundation hopes to have monthly events to celebrate the Year of the West Tisbury Library, and to keep the occasion in public awareness. Chuck Hughes is following up on contributions from attendees to the Thomases' party. Hunter Moorman has joined the Foundation and is helping to focus on fund-raising goals.

New Business

Linda reported that the Volunteer party had been a success, with everyone having a good time. Ginny Jones noted that the Welles property appears to have a "For Sale By Owner" sign on the mailbox, that the crosswalk in front of Alley's Store has been painted, and that the VTA buses have been making more thorough announcements concerning the whereabouts of town hall restrooms. Again she urged the trustees to think about the library's temporary home during expansion, and possible additional staff that may be needed. Beth replied that the library already needs more staff, and that she and Hal will be reviewing the long-term budgetary consequences.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Waters
Clerk