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Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

Library Committee Meeting Minutes

Sept. 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chair John Malick.

Also attending the meeting were Committee members Jo Buchanan, Bob Dargan, John Nelson, Tom Pfaff, and Library Director Jennifer Sullivan.

Public comment: No members of the public attended the meeting.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2024 were read and approved (Nelson, Dargan). The minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting have not been received from Mary Donaruma, secretary, who was out of town. The Chair will follow up.

Financial report: The RBC Wealth Management fund account value as of August 31, 2024, was \$161,564.81. The Committee expects to meet with Town of Branford Finance Director Jim Finch and RBC Paul Hipsky at one of the next two WWML Committee meetings, either November or next February.

Library director's report: Jennifer presented two director's reports (both on file with the town), one for June and another for July and August. I mention here a few highlights from the reports.

The summer months' programs were packed with library events for folks of all ages. Two among the many were the kick-off event for the children's summer reading program and Unk DaRos' two (SRO) presentations of the Stony Creek quarry diorama he created.

Jennifer has attended meetings held by the state library, the CT Library Association, the CT Library Consortium. She also met with the RTM Education Committee, which held its meeting at the library.

The town proposed that it take on IT for the library, in contrast to established practice in which LION has provided the IT services, which are specific to the organization of libraries. This will be an ongoing matter and will be made a new business item in the agenda for the Committee's November meeting.

The major outdoor library project is advancing.

Program plans for the fall. Rabia and Thia have restarted their writer's group. Thia is planning programming that involves locals and their ties to the architecture of the Creek, and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the book, *Flesh & Stone*. There will be programming with our poet laureate, Judith Liebmann; an intergenerational music event with a harpist (Thanksgiving weekend) with holiday songs (Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, as well as classical pieces). Monthly book talks and film screenings will continue, as will Becca's weekly stay-and-play for the little ones.

With school being back in session, so are early release days, so Becca will also be planning activities for those afternoons.

Old business. None on the agenda

New business. None on the agenda

Adjournment at 8:36 p.m. (Nelson, Pfaff)

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Buchanan, acting as secretary for the meeting