

## Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

**Date:** June 23, 2015

**Attendance:** Judd Ayer, Chair; Delia Berlin; J. Drusilla Carter, Director; Mary Lou DeVivo; Olga Ezis; Merle Potchinsky.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Citizens and Delegations:** None

### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

May meeting minutes were reviewed. Olga made a motion to approve after minor revision and Mary Lou seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Reports:**

The Director's report of activities for May 2015 was reviewed. Drusilla explained that the Town is changing insurance carriers on 7/1. Therefore, to avoid duplicating the paperwork under two different carriers, insurance certification for the building will be obtained after that date. This certification must be in place before any requests for bids.

There was nice publicity about the story board project in the Chronicle. There will be two special children programs in July, in addition to the regular story times.

Upon invitation, Gail Szeiba reported on the summer reading program, now reaching out to all the summer lunch sites and the soup kitchen with a number of activities, including "summer of numbers" (a numeracy program). Thanks to Altrusa, participating children are able to receive a free book. Online registration has been implemented, and a recent meeting with the superintendent and other community stakeholders was very productive.

### **Old Business:**

Discussion of library name – Drusilla reported that the Town Charter refers to the library as the "Willimantic Public Library" and any name change would require a revision in the Charter. The Charter is revised every two years. The board will take no action at this time.

### **New Business:**

There is no meeting scheduled for July, but the board will meet in August. By then, the library will have hired a new part-time employee for the desk. There is a strong pool of applicants. Drusilla will attend the American Library Association meeting in San Francisco this week returning on 7/1.

### **Other matters as may come before the Board:**

Delia mentioned that the Windham Free Library is planning to memorialize Elizabeth Moody, who died recently. A representative from the library will probably attend the event. Details are still unavailable.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Delia Berlin, Co-Secretary

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