

Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: September 23, 2014

Attendance: Judd Ayer, Chair; Olga Kurnyk-Ezis; Elsie Jenkins; Mary Lou DeVivo; Delia Berlin; Neil Mesick; Merle Potchinsky; J.Drusilla Carter, Director

Call to Order: Chairman Ayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The two newest Board members, Delia Berlin and Mary Lou DeVivo, were introduced and welcomed. The Board is now at full strength!

Citizen or Delegations: None

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes of the August 26 meeting were lost in email transmission probably due to Bibliomation software changes. They will be available at the next meeting.

Director's Report: There was brief discussion and further information from Drusilla about several items in the August 2014 Director's Report including the program for middle school girls held August 5 promoting positive self image and the brochure created by Julia about how to obtain a non-driver State identification. Another clarification concerned the projected results of the Bibliomation "Away Teams" (expected report at end of year long visits to member libraries).

A complete, updated list of Board members was distributed to all.

Old Business: Judd and Drusilla brought new members up-to-date on the Library's renovation project. Plan copies are available in Director's office. Drusilla has firm commitment that the Library will be included in the bond by the Town. The Library and the parking garage will most likely be grouped for bonding vote. The State Library grant of \$500,000 will be good for three (3) years from the State bonding date. The \$150,000 already in Town plans for energy upgrades constitutes part of the Town's matching \$500,000 and will be used for new HVAC, insulated windows, etc.

There was also discussion about the homeless population, the disruptive patron problems (not necessarily the same) and how the security guard has really made a difference and a much safer and more comfortable atmosphere for all patrons.

New Business: October meeting will take up policies. This has been put off so that new members could be brought up to date on current issues and considerations. Nominations for officers will be done in October and voted on in November. The possibility of changing the dates for November and December meetings because of the holidays will also be discussed at the October meeting.

Drusilla announced that there are two adult programs a month scheduled through the end of the year. The donated piano needs tuning and some money has been raised. Board member Neil Mesick said he would contribute to make up the amount needed and others also said they

would contribute to the effort. “Now that we have a piano...” some possibilities for new kinds of programs are being considered, for example, lunch time mini-concerts.

Adjournment: There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting: October 28, 2014. Members were reminded that the meetings are regularly on the fourth (not the last) Tuesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted

Elsie Jenkins, acting secretary