

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

Committee Meeting

February 12, 2020

Meeting called to order by John Malick at 7:10. Also attending: Jo Buchanan, Bob Dargan, John Nelson, Tom Pfaff and Library Director Alice Pentz.

Public Comment: None

Minutes of the meeting on November 13, 2019 were approved. John Nelson asked about the proposed change to the investment fund. Jim Finch, Finance Director, advised against making the change in 2019.

Financial report: the balance of the WWML fund is \$135,821.67. Alice asked about the transfer of funds for library programs and services. \$2800 was transferred in November 2019.

Library Director's report: Winter programs were well attended. Some of the January programs were: a talk by Professor James Boyce *Resolving the Climate Impasse: Carbon Pricing and Climate Justice*, also a talk by Branford resident Alice Laursen *Journeys on the Fabled Silk Road* and a showing of the movie *Downton Abbey*. A children's program for *Take Your Child to the Library Day* also had a great turnout. Upcoming programs include: an Author talk by James Hatch, the Science of Sleep and Beekeeping.

The library budget for FY2020-2021 has been submitted to the first selectman and the finance department.

The Friends of the library have agreed to fund an improvement to the gallery presentation technology. The project will move equipment to the wall behind the screen. The library hopes to purchase a new smart podium to use for presentations as part of the updated system.

Old Business: none

New Business: The budget for FY2020-2021 was discussed.

The presentation project was discussed. The library will use some of the funds donated by the Branford Rotary Club and from the WWML Committee fund.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23.