

Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

Committee Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by John Nelson.

Also attending: Bob Dargan, Tom Pfaff, Erin McCarthy, Jo Buchanan and Alice Pentz, Library Director.

No public comment.

Minutes of the November 29, 2023 meeting were approved. (Dargan, McCarthy)

Financial Report: The balance of the WWML account as of December 31, 2023 was \$150,393.81.

Director's Report: The library is working with the Blackstone Library to plan events with the first Town of Branford Poet Laureate, Judith Liebmann. The library hosted a Long Wharf Theatre play *The Year of Magical Thinking* in December with funds provided by The Seedlings Foundation and the Friends of WWML. Sunday afternoon concerts are popular. As is a four part program presented by Karen Kernan, *Life Happens*.

The committee discussed the preliminary WWML budget for FY24/25.

Old Business: A presentation and cost estimate was received from Robert Lord Co. on replacing the Conference Room furniture. We will continue to look for more ideas.

New Business: John Nelson met with HR Director Margaret Lubberda to discuss the hiring process for the new library director. He related the information that she shared with him. Three Committee members will be on the hiring panel. The Committee will review the job description.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Pentz