

WILLOUGHBY WALLACE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

COMMITTEE MEETING

June 9, 2021

Meeting was called to order by John Nelson at 7:03 p.m. Also attending: Jo Buchanan, Mary Donaruma, Robert Dargan, Tom Pfaff, Erin McCarthy and Library Director, Alice Pentz.

Public Comment: None

Minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2021 were approved.

Financial Report: Balance of the account as of May 30, 2021 was \$149,005.80. Financial Advisor, Paul Hipsky was present to review the current account status. Cash account was felt to be too high presently. However, the purchase of a sign for the library would result in the account aligning itself with library investment strategy. No action needs to be taken at this time.

Library Director's report:

A floor to ceiling bookshelf has been built with the Dottie Leachman estate donation of \$3,000.

The library is open now for public browsing. The children's toys will not be returned to the area for the present but families can browse and read. Computers are now available for public use.

In May Wendy Tarry began an outdoor story time. Each Friday 17-20 children attend with their caregivers.

Summer Reading begins June 23 with a Stamford Nature Center animal presentation. The title this year is Tails & Tales.

A program for teens will be planned by Laura Gunneson.

A children's book sale raised \$250.00 for Feed Branford Kids.

The library held zoom presentations this spring. America's Scenic Drives was presented by Bella Europa Travel. Tom Laurenson will inform us about Lighthouses.

Currently there is an art exhibit entitled JOY.

Computer access to the library has increased. Hoopla allows many patrons to download the same book. After July 1, 2021 Kanopy will be available for documentaries and foreign films.

Stony Creek historical photographs on our Instagram accounts have been very popular thanks to the efforts of Thia Wrightsman. A discussion ensued about plans for the outside sign and also about the policy for exhibits and displays. These will be taken up again at the September meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Donaruma, Secretary

