

## Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library

### Committee Meeting

April 10, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by John Nelson, who served as Chairman in the absence of John Malick, who was unable to attend. Also attending were Jo Buchanan, Robert Dargan, Erin McCarthy, Tom Pfaff, and Library Director, Alice Pentz.

Public Comment: None

Approval of amended minutes from February 13, 2019. Motion was made and seconded by Dargan and Pfaff. Passed.

Financial Report: The balance of the WWML Memorial Fund was \$130,466.26.

#### Library Director's Report:

Recent events held at the library include:

- Black History Month poet reading by Marilyn Nelson – 45 people attended
- A presentation by the Witness Stone Project, also in honor of Black History Month
- Take Your Child to the Library Day, featuring science and sensory activities – 21 children attended along with their caregivers
- Friday night film screening – over 20 people came to see *Bohemian Rhapsody*
- A presentation on the Italian American Experience in Wooster Square – over 50 people attended and participated in the discussion
- Classical guitar concert by Neal Fitzpatrick, very well attended
- 3D Ocean Farming was held last week. It was very popular and well attended by people throughout the area.

#### Upcoming programs:

- Travel program focusing on Italy
- The Writing Workshop with Dolores Hayden
- Friday Night film, the *Green Book*
- School Spring Break week screening of *Mary Poppins Returns*
- Mark Schenker book discussion groups
- Board Game Day
- Call to Artists for the Annual Art Exhibit

#### Old and New Business:

Reviewed the financial report. In the Fall, 2019 the committee will invite the financial representative to the meeting in order to review the status of the account.

A local Quilter Group donated funds to purchase board games for older children, teens and adults to play.

Another series of book discussion groups by Mark Schenker will be scheduled.

The Committee and Library Director will continue to seek information from the Town of Branford regarding the timeline for repaving the parking lot. Concern is that it will be repaved prior to addressing the lighting needs of that area.

The Friends of WWML continue to fund new play area items and structures for the children's area of the library. A small wooden boat will be constructed shortly so that children have nook to read in.

The Friends of WWML will not be holding their *Cocktails on the Sound* event but are still interested in working with the committee to develop ideas for landscaping or otherwise improving the outside area (behind the library and by the back parking lot) of the WWML. The Committee will put this discussion on the agenda for next meeting in order to develop questions for the Friends of WWML and for the Town of Branford.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.