

**Weston Public Library
Board of Trustees**

Meeting Minutes *May 2, 2022*

In Attendance

- Jenn Warner, Director
- Alli Palmgren, Assistant Director
- Emily Hutcheson, Secretary
- Joe Mullin, Trustee
- Shaheen Parks, Trustee
- Susan Scott, Chair
- Chris Welles, Trustee
- Cecily Cassum, AIC Board Chair
- Camille Schmidek, FWPL out-going Chair
- Heidi Hardin, Trustee candidate
- Debbie Darling, FWPL in-coming Co-Chair
- Anna Berger, FWPL in-coming Co-Chair

The meeting was called to order by Susan Scott at 9:35AM.

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Joe Mullin moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2022. **Second:** by Shaheen Parks. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Director's report

- The tent is up, located closer to the main entrance than it was last year. This will allow easier access for patrons and staff and for carts of materials, as well as shorter electrical cords when needed. Also new this year are side flaps that can be extended to keep out hot sunshine.
- One of the highlights in April was the first in a series of programs organized by Tatanya, Kim and Dominique with the Advocates. This group for adults with developmental delays recently mounted a popular exhibit of masks in the Gallery. They told our librarians then that they enjoyed coming to the Weston Library because of the warm welcome they receive.
- This initial program featured a talk by our mail carrier, followed by a book read aloud, then a craft project of decorating an envelope.
- The Advocates organization hopes to add a second meeting each month for participants with a higher cognitive level.
- Other out-reach programs are set to expand as the pandemic fades. These include ESL, hopefully including Afghan and Ukrainian refugees, as well as book groups in local assisted living facilities. Books continue to be delivered to the home-bound.
- A discussion took place regarding the need to repair the damage caused by a car crashing into the front wall. Jenn proposed using the opportunity to alter the existing surface and landscaping. Replacing the pebble surface with a tinted concrete walkway would make snow removal easier. And, reviving the idea of a front porch, a simple patio could be made to the left of the front door, with comfortable seating for patrons and staff. Jenn will continue to discuss these ideas with the Facilities Department. The Town's insurance company will be talking with the driver's insurance company regarding payment.
- The Library and the Friends will both have tables at the Town Celebration later this month.

AIC report

- Cecily and Jenn reported that the presentation to the FinCom went well.
- Revenue and participant numbers are trending in an upward direction, as are rentals.
- Joe Ferguson's sculpture will be installed this week.
- Also this week, master printer Jim Stroud will give a talk and demonstration about printmaking.

Next meeting: June 6, 2022 at 9:30AM

Adjournment: Joe Mullin moved to adjourn at 10:25AM

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Hutcheson, secretary