

**WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY June 5, 2023
9:30 AM
LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

Attendance:

- Jenn Warner, Director
- Susan Scott, Chair
- Heidi Hardin, Trustee
- Emma Kwon, Trustee
- Joe Mullin, Trustee
- Shaheen Parks, Trustee (called in)
- Chris Welles, Secretary
- Cecily Cassum, AIC
- Nathan Suher, Director, Weston Media

1. Reorganization of the Board

- The meeting was called to order by Jenn Warner at 9:39am.
- **Motion:** by Joe Mullin to elect Susan Scott as Chair. **Second:** by Chris Welles. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion:** by Heidi Hardin to elect Joe Mullin as Vice Chair. **Second:** Susan Scott. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Motion:** by Joe Mullin to elect Emma Kwon as Secretary. **Second:** Chris Welles. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Approval of the minutes of May 8, 2023:

3. Directors' Report

- a. Approve FY24 holiday schedule: schedule for Veterans Day TBD, pending Select Board vote. Christmas is Monday, Jenn recommends closing 12/24 and opening 12/31. **Motion:** by Joe Mullin to accept the proposed holiday schedule as submitted. **Second:** Heidi Hardin. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- b. Art donation discussion: Daveda Movitz has offered to donate her artwork, "Catalan Landscape", valued at \$4000. Discussion re: art donation policy for WPL. Jenn to confirm with artist that it is a donation. Discussion of previously accepted artwork: November 2018, sculptures. **Motion:** by Heidi Hardin to accept the gift subject to agreeing to WPL policy. **Second:** Chris Welles. **Motion passed unanimously.** Discussion about where to hang the new artwork. Jenn Warner will add it to the insurance policy. Cecily Cassum shared piece donated for art auction. Heidi Hardin asked cost: \$3000 for FWPL to purchase and gift to WPL. Jenn is asking FWPL for art, patio furniture and speakers consortium annual membership. Speakers consortium has DEI content. Jenn has an idea to invite Dr Emily Knox as speaker, maybe to a whole community read for Banned Books Week in October and include a discussion of

collection development policies. Dr. Know is an Associate Professor in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

- c. Weston Media sign request: Nathan Suher presented purpose, approximate size, materials and location. **Motion:** by Joe Mullin to approve the concept subject to permitting process of appropriate Board in Town. **Second:** Susan Scott. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - d. FY23 & FY 24 materials expenditure budgets: Town provides some funding for materials, deficit from Trusts. Jenn Warner and Susan Scott to meet with Mr. Noyes granddaughter, Cindy, at the AIC on Friday. Proposed spending amount for FY24 \$259,480. **Motion:** by Joe Mullin that the Trust funding spending target for FY24 should be \$259,480 with \$108,000 allocated to materials. **Second:** Heidi Hardin. **Motion passed unanimously.** Chris: spending policy is to spend up to 2.3% of principal of the Fidelity trust accounts identified by the financial consultant. Jan 2024 meeting same date as FWPL, maybe meet at AIC.
- 4. AIC Report (Cecily Cassum): Great progress, “slow and steady”. Great rental bookings. Audrey to step away for a time. Focus on adding new Board members.
 - 5. Announcements
 - a. Request to please check and update contact information
 - b. Library co-sponsoring Race Amity Day with COA.
 - 6. Adjournment: Joe Mullin moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Chris Welles. Meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Next meeting: Monday, July 10th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Kwon
Secretary