

EDITH WHEELER MEMORIAL LIBRARY-LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING ON Thursday, June 19,2014 @ 2:00pm

LIBRARY - ROTARY BOARD ROOM

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I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Secretary Alice Deak@ 2:05 pm.

Present: Chairman William Ehlers (came in a few minutes late), Vice Chairman Pat Shea, Secretary Alice Deak Trustee James Fogarty, Trustee Emily Serniak , Trustee Erin Passineau and Margaret Borchers, Library Director.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Strategic Plan - possible wording for a mission statement was discussed, a sub-committee comprised of Erin, Emily and Alice was set up; they will develop two mission statements for consideration at the September meeting.

B. Website Design - the design is progressing nicely; suggestion was made to include photos of some of the sections of the library; update will be presented in September with early 2015 as a target date.

III. NEW BUSINESS -No new business

IV. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Story Walk was very well attended- many asked for it to be repeated

*Many volunteers continue to assist with Library activities and tasks.

*All of the new computers are installed and operational.

*Circulation is up over last year and program attendance at children's activities is very high.

*Summer Reading Program kick-off Saturday, June 21 - very active; lots of community sponsors.

V. MINUTES: Motion by Bill Ehlers, seconded by Pat Shea to "accept the May 15, 2014 minutes as presented". Yes = 6 No=0 Abstain= 0

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Very close to the end of the FY - accounts are fine.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Barbara Sibley, Karyn Holden and Stephanie Burns(President), representatives from the Sandy Hook Elementary School PTA - the SHES children and adults feel very tied to the Monroe community and to the EWML; to show their love for Monroe they sponsored a "paint a pot" craft activity at the Strawberry Festival ; children were invited to paint a flower pot and plant a Zinnia seed free of charge; no fees were charged but donations were accepted; donations totaled \$400 and the PTA presented a check for that amount to Margaret; they would like the funds to be used for something connected to children's activities but it is up to the library staff; an additional display case for children's hobbies was one suggestion; everyone was very touched by the feelings of love and community expressed by the Sandy Hook PTA; we are pleased that their school year was very successful and feel the same warmth toward the students and their families.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

*Coffee service at the library was discussed; Pat and Margaret have been researching the possibility; Costs, purpose, method, location, etc. were discussed; update will be presented at the September meeting.

*A new Board member has been appointed; Bill will follow up.

IX. ADJOURNED - The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Bill Ehlers @ 3:15pm. The next monthly meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2014 @ 2pm. **No regular monthly meeting is held in either July or August.**

Respectfully submitted Alice R. Deak, Secretary

June 22, 2014