

The Board of Trustees of the Wareham Free Library

Meeting time and place: 5:00 pm, January 16, 2014, Conference Room, Wareham Free Library, Wareham, Ma.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by the Chairlady, Bethany Gay at 5:07 pm.

Trustees Present: Roger Bacchieri, Johnna Fredrickson, Bethany Gay, Rachel Kuklinski, Diane O'Brien, William R. (Bob) C. White

Trustee absent: Kathleen LaFlamme

Library Director present: Denise Medeiros

Guests present: None

Announcements:

There are 39 children in the Children's Room Program.

The Friends are sponsoring Miniature Golf in the Library February 15 and 16, 2014. 6-9 pm will be an evening opportunity for adults only. The Friends will apply for a one-day liquor license for the evening. Sunday will be 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Trustee Diane O'Brien is the Chairlady.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Status of Library Repairs: RFP will go out for a second time.

Nature Explorer Classroom Update: There is a March 20 deadline for the A D Makepeace Grant

Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen: No Word

STEAM Grant: A letter of intent has gone in. A draft proposal is due Feb 6, 2014. Our proposal will focus on preschool programs in responding to very specific guidelines.

Wareham Cable TV Update: Denise reported that many options are up in the air. The next action is in the hands of WCTV.

Answer to question regarding accreditation: The number of waivers issued in the state has been increased due to the financial straits of many municipalities.

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New Business

Budget Freeze: The freeze will have little or no impact on the library since most of the money is encumbered already. The Director presented her budget to the Finance Committee on January 23, 2014 during the all day departmental budget presentations day.

Ma Board of Library Commissioners appeal hearing: Wareham has been invited to make a presentation at the hearing. Commissioners are most interested in hearing from the Town administration.

Bob will contact Judy Whiteside, the liaison with the BOS to get a meeting with her and possibly with Marilyn Donahue, Vice Chair of Finance Committee in order to get the local ball rolling.

Roger will begin drafting a response to the questions posed by the MBLC.

Self-check out system: The system is up and running. It will be introduced slowly.

Rally Day: Rally Day in the Library is February 1, 2014. Many organizations using the Library will have a presence and vocalize their support for the Library. Several elected officials will participate in the story hour for the children.

Council on Aging: Chairlady of the Council will be invited to the next meeting of the BOLT.

Director's Report: (See Handouts)

FY Budget update: (See Handouts)

Items not known more than 48 hours prior to the meeting: None

Date and hour of the next meeting: Community Room Wareham Free Library, February 27, 2014. 5:00 pm.

Adjournment: 6:25 pm

William R. C. White

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