

Minutes of the Wead Library Board Meeting Budget Informational Meeting on April 17, 2023

Present: Melissa Benardot, President
Anne Werley Smallman, Secretary
Chris Eggsware, Vice President
Lucille Poirier, board member
Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk

Absent: Chelsie Russo, Librarian I
Jeanne LeClerc, Treasurer

Member of the Public: Cathie Werley

Call to order: 7:06 pm by Melissa Benardot, President

Mary McDonald opened up discussion of the proposed budget to the public. Cathie Werley asked about the healthy fund balance. Members of the board and staff addressed the topic. Mrs. Werley expressed her appreciation for the work of the library.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting by Chris Eggsware/second by Lucille Poirier. Approved unanimously.

The March 2023 treasurer's report has not yet been provided by Malone Central School District, so approval is tabled until the May meeting.

Motion to accept the April 2023 bills as paid, by Chris Eggsware /second by Lucille Poirier. Approved unanimously.

Communications:

- Mary McDonald sent thank you notes or emails to:
 - An anonymous donor for \$1000.00
 - J. Tebeau for yoga mats donation
- Telegram news item on budget vote

Library Report by Mary McDonald: *see attached*

- Options for landscaping discussed, including adding hanging plants to the gazebo.

Librarian's Report by Chelsie Russo: *see attached*

Old Business

- **Employee contract addition**

- Collective bargaining agreement with CSEA *tentative agreement changes 4C*, add to body of paragraph: “When the Malone Central School District initiates “remote learning” for all students, the Wead Library shall not necessarily close. The President of the Library Board of Trustees or designee may reduce hours for operational need, however, if hours are reduced under these circumstances, Employees shall not lose pay or leave accruals.”

Motion by Lucille Poirier/second by Chris Eggware to approve the revised contract language. Unanimously approved.

New Business

- **Summer hours: proposed Monday-Wednesday, Friday 10-6, Thursday 10-7, Saturday 10-3 beginning July 1**

Motion to move to summer hours by Chris Eggware/second by Anne Smallman. Unanimously approved.

- **Beanstack demonstration**

Members present viewed the video tutorials created by Chelsie Russo, which is available on the Weadlibrary.com website.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be May 15, 2023 at 7pm

Adjourned at 8:26pm on motion by Chris Eggware/second by Lucille Poirier.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Werley Smallman
Board of Trustees