

Minutes of the Wead Library Board Meeting Budget Informational Meeting on June 26, 2023

Present: Melissa Benardot, President
 Anne Werley Smallman, Secretary
 Chris Eggsware, Vice President
 Lucille Poirier, board member
 Chelsie Russo, Librarian I
 Jeanne LeClerc, Treasurer
 Mary McDonald, Principal Library Clerk

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting by Chris Eggsware/second by Lucille Poirier. Approved unanimously.

Motion to accept the April 2023 & May 2023 treasurer's reports to review for potential revisions by Malone Central School District business office once their staffing issues are resolved, by Chris Eggsware/second by Lucille Poirier. Approved unanimously.

Motion to accept the June 2023 bills as paid, by Jeanne LeClerc/second by Chris Eggsware. Approved unanimously.

Communications:

- Mary McDonald sent thank you notes or emails to:
 - Bill Andre for volunteering
 - Book sale volunteers
- The Telegram published news articles on the grant, book sale & sensory wall.
- Letters of concern regarding the participation of Wead Library staff in the Malone Small Town Pride Summer Celebration and the story walk of *True You: a gender journey*. The board members and staff discussed the issue at length.

Library Report by Mary McDonald: *see attached*

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

Old Business

- Motion by Jeanne LeClerc to amend the motion in the April 17, 2023 minutes regarding CSEA contract language to read, "motion to accept the 2-year CSEA collective bargaining agreement with revised contract language." Second by Chris Eggsware. Approved unanimously.
- **Trustee Training**

Reminder to trustees to complete required 2 hours of training. Mary McDonald provided three website URLs to board members as resources.

- **Liberty Utilities Natural Gas Inquiry**

A representative stopped by to ask if they could lay a natural gas line through the front yard of the library building. Mary McDonald referred him to MCSD. Board members indicated a disinclination to support the request.

- **Yearbook digitization**

Chelsie obtained a new quote to digitize the remainder of the yearbooks: \$4350.00 (does not include shipping). Motion by Lucille Poirier, second by Jeanne LeClerc to move \$5400.00 from the equipment budget line to electronic format material in the 2022-23 budget.

New Business

- **Building Use Policy**

Chelsie Russo & Mary McDonald proposed a new draft Building Use Policy.

Suggestions for language change from the draft include *Outside groups: #3 change to "religious worship, political, or partisan purposes."* and *Room Reservation: #G add "No cannabis or derivatives."*

Jeanne LeClerc motion to enter Executive Session / second by Chris Eggsware at 8:15pm.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be September 18, 2023 at 7pm

Adjourned at 8:33pm on motion by Lucille Poirier/second by Chris Eggsware.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Werley Smallman
Board of Trustees