

West Hartford Library Trustees
West Hartford Library
April 13, 2016

Present: Trustees: Tom Hazen, John Newton, Judith Roberts, Harry Dorman; Public: Barbara Gherardi, Alice Hazen, David Cameron; Director: Sandie Cary

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 and the Pledge of Allegiance given.

Public Comment: none

Secretary's Report: none

Treasurer's Report: Newton reported that of the \$44,150 in the current budget, \$30,844 has been expended as of 3/17. With a balance of \$5395 left from FY16, there is \$19,300 available through 6/30. He noted that FY17 looks OK, given the budget, but that FY18 budget promises to be challenging. In response to a question, Gherardi noted that the Friends of West Hartford Library have some reserves from previously donated cash and grants.

Director's Report: Cary reported on Library activity over the past few months. Statistics reported: Attendance for the 9 months YTD at 4075, significantly exceeding previous years' totals. Circulation continues to climb by month in the current year. She noted community room activity, after school program for youth, support of the Friends, support of the town of Hartford with IT needs and building issues, volunteer activity, her own continuing education activity, recently acquired passes to local parks and other organizations, and donation of shelving. The Board discussed at length whether to charge for the use of the community center for private engagements. Cary noted that Hartford Library does charge. She was asked to monitor such activity for the next few months and report back.

Old business: none

New business: The Board discussed methods of providing information to the community about the Library and its programs: listserves, newsletter, emails, social media, etc. Getting folks in with special events, such as the 5th anniversary of Irene, offer other opportunities. The Friends indicated a willingness to consider such activity.

Election of Officers: Upon motions duly made and seconded the following were elected: Chair: Tom Hazen, Treasurer: John Newton, Secretary: Harry Dorman.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, meeting was adjourned at 7:25. Next meeting will be at the West Hartford Library on May 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Harry Dorman

These are draft minutes, subject to approval