

Town of Glastonbury
Welles-Turner Memorial Library Board
Monday, January 9, 2023
Minutes

A meeting of the Welles-Turner Memorial Library Board was held on Monday, January 9, 2023, in the Glastonbury Room. A virtual attendance option was available. A quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Susan Pearlman (Chair), Jennifer Hudner, Ellen Saunig, Alexander Demircan

Other Attendees: Barbara Bailey (Library Director), Donald Kray (Friends of the Library), Maureen Cosgrove (Second Century Fund)

2. Next Meeting

March 13, 2023

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Acceptance of Prior Meeting's Minutes

Approved unanimously without comment.

5. Liaison Reports

Friends of the Library (Donald Kray):

- The "book stop" continues to do well at \$500+ in sales every month.
- About halfway through the collection period for the May 13, 2023 sale and are well behind what we should have collected at this point.
- Friends now has an active sharing/recycling program with some books being given to churches, Goodwill, and East Glastonbury Library. The East Glastonbury Library has a basement for storage, so we give them many books for their book sales.

Second Century Fund (Maureen Cosgrove):

- There have recently been really exciting additions to the Board members, including some younger people who are bringing a lot of energy and ideas. There are also some new retired individuals who are really excited about being part of the organization. There's a lot of excitement about the organization right now.

- There is now a QR code on the donation form! Donations can also be made by phone.
- Generally speaking, SC has one fundraiser, the annual appeal. Second Century has found that the gala does not really make financial sense between the cost and the time/money that Board members put into it.
- Now that the pandemic is waning, Second Century is hoping to bring back book talks. Hopefully, Kennedy Hudner will be able to speak.
- A Board member asked whether Second Century pays 1-2% to operating costs for the library. This is not correct. Friends carries the burden of actually providing the library with funds for their ongoing operations, while Second Century is focused on providing capital expenditures for the library.
- Second Century will be donating to help pay for the poetry banners around town this year.

6. Library Director's Report

- 10k more books taken out for the same month than for the prior year. This is due to the library being open full hours now. The library is gradually returning to pre-pandemic levels.

7. Expenditure Report

- Part-time positions – there is usually a part-time opening at any given time. Right now, there are two open positions that will hopefully be filled next week. There's a total of 16 or 17 part-time positions that includes the 3 vacancies. So far, not much luck finding Makers Space staff. However, recruiting slowed down during the holidays. There are two or three individuals interested in the maintenance part of the job but we also need someone who can coordinate it. A full-time position was requested but this was cut from the budget.
- Utilities have been going down due to the town using greener energy sources. All of the lighting in the library now is LED. Facilities maintenance is also a lot lower due to being in the new building. **The Board noted the impressive amount of savings in the expenditure report.**

8. Old Business

- No update on replacement for Library Director. Barbara Bailey will be staying on until the replacement is hired and will be assisting with transition.
- No report from Andrea Barton.
- Lisa Zerio will take care of printing and installing the banners. She needs information for banners early to mid-February. We can swap the existing ones out but hold on to them and swap out.
- Ginny Roscoe and Jennifer Hudner recently spoke with Barbara Bailey about artists and having art exhibits in the library. Per Barbara Baeily, there will be two more exhibits. Jean Dalton starting on February 10 running until April 7. Mallory

Austerlitz- photographer. Will begin in mid-April. Photography on illusion and reality.

- Andrea Barton will help coordinate with the English teachers at GHS to do a creative writing program in conjunction with the artists. We are also hoping to do a gallery talk with the upcoming artists.

9. New Business

- There will be a reception for Barbara Bailey on Thursday, January 12, at the Library.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen D. Saunig