

Town of Glastonbury  
Welles-Turner Memorial Library Board  
Monday, September 9, 2024  
Minutes

A meeting of the Welles-Turner Memorial Library Board was held on Monday, September 9, 2024 in the Glastonbury Room.

Meeting officially called to order at 5:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

**1. Roll Call**

Present Board Members: Susan Pearlman (Chair), Jennifer Hudner, Ellen Saunig (via Zoom), Nicole DiCicco, and Rosemary Coggeshall.

Other Attendees: Amy McCue (Library Director), Ginny Roscoe (Second Century Fund), Donald Kray (Friends of the Library).

**2. Next Meeting Scheduled**

November 12, 2024

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes**

A vote was required for acceptance of the meeting minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2024 and Special Meeting of June 18, 2024. Jennifer Hudner made a motion to approve both sessions' minutes. Rosemary Coggeshall seconded. Both sessions' minutes were approved unanimously.

**5. Liaison Reports**

Friends of the Library (Donald Kray):

- The fall book sale was a success. Friday sold 75 tickets and had about \$8,000 in sales. Saturday sales were around \$9,000. Sunday's fill-a-bag sold \$3,000-4,000, with a weekend total of about \$21,000 in sales.
- There was not much in expenses due to the volunteers and donations.
- There were 18 sponsors for a gross total of \$4,600. 4 sponsors were repeat sponsors.
- The next meeting is 9/17/24.
- Book donations will be accepted again beginning on 9/21/24.

#### Second Century Fund (Ginny Roscoe):

- The Fun Run has been postponed until next fall, as there are lots of moving parts.
- The fiscal year ended and they made about \$18,500 from the annual appeal.
- They took a picture for the \$22,000 donation.
- The program committee selected Geraldine Brooks for a big-name author and that will also be next fall.
- The next meeting will be 9/18/24.

### **6. Library Director's Report**

- Fall hours returned September 8. The library is open on Sunday's through mid-May.
- It is library card month. WTML has more than 1,000 new card holders since the beginning of the last fiscal year.
- 2CF studio had the Armored Artemis robotics team for a successful event with all ages, which was a great preview of what the MakerSpace will be. The robotics team helped everyone design their own pencil. They will look to teach a different piece of equipment next time.
- Foot traffic for July was over 18,000 people, which is the highest amount on record. This is even higher than June, which featured both a 400-person ice cream social event and a book sale.
- There are an increased number of evening and weekend programs.

### **7. Board Committee Report**

#### Poet Laureate:

- The poetry program at the green on 9/8/24 was a success and was well-attended.
- Victoria Nordlund would like to start a youth Poet Laureate. Director McCue confirmed that the teen librarian is also interested in helping with this.

-The reception for past and present Poet Laureates was a well-received celebration for all.

## **8. Old Business**

Personnel Update – MakerSpace:

-There are lots of excellent candidates for the full-time MakerSpace Coordinator/Instructor position.

-Candidates are being narrowed down, with interviews still taking place.

-There was a brief discussion about adding a page for the library to the town Parks and Rec booklets to bring attention to programming. Director McCue will let them know the library would be happy to fill any empty space they may have in their booklets.

## **9. New Business**

None.

## **10. Correspondence**

None.

## **11. Adjournment**

Susan Pearlman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Hudner seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DiCicco