

**Webster Free Public Library
Trustees Meeting
May 24th, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m. Present were Cathryn Clark-Dawe, Director, Nancy Picthall-French, Chairperson, Marty Bender, Treasurer, Leslie Collins, Secretary and Dot Bourque, Webster Historical Society.

The Secretary's report for April was reviewed and accepted. Cathryn made a clarification that she wanted everyone finishing the *1000 Books Program* to receive a \$25 Gibson's Gift Card, not only the first person who finishes it. All agreed to this idea.

The Treasurer's report for April was reviewed and accepted. Nancy inquired what the Park Street Foundation expenditure was and Marty explained it was the cost of the overdrive system. Marty paid for it from the book budget and suggested next year \$500 should be added to CD/DVD budget and the money for Park Street should be taken from there.

Old Business

Dot Bourque of the Historical Society dropped off the projector for the movie on Friday night. Marty will return it to her after the movie. Leslie asked if her husband could borrow the projector on Tuesday, July 25th, when he gives his John Muir Trail Presentation to the Hancock Library. Dot agreed and requested that it be picked up the day before and returned the day afterward.

Cathryn spoke about the progress made on her first goal for her Director Evaluation. She has done some reading on her topic and has discovered that the libraries grouping books by topical content (one library called these groupings "groves") tend to favor it over the Dewey system. She is not convinced it would be any more efficient than the Dewey system presently in place. However, she is willing to try some creative reorganizing by grouping certain topics together, such as gardening with landscaping or other similarly related topics. She would like to get some shelving labels to identify particular groupings of books. All were in agreement that the labels could be purchased through a library supply store.

The revision of the Investment Policy (3 pages) was postponed until next month so Marty could read over it in preparation to explain it to us next month.

Over 50 people attended the MUSE movie night featuring the movie *Wings* and organ player, Jeff Rapsis. All the trustees loved the performance and thought the evening was very successful.

The three trustees attended the all-day NHLTA Conference on Tuesday, May 23rd in Concord. Each trustee spoke about the areas of strength and weakness of their workshops. Marty spoke to the opportunity a library has to house/share/restore diaries of residents and the possibility of recording historical information unique to our town, such as photographing cemetery headstones and putting them on the website. Continuing to coordinate our efforts with the Historical Society, Grange (?), Conservation Commission is recommended. Leslie spoke to the new trend for libraries tends to be one of a community center. Nancy spoke to the support services for seniors that were recommended, such as, the Alzheimer's Association, AARP, Meals on Wheels, Bone Builders, American Red Cross, knitting, mahjong, cribbage and a "Senior Café".

New Business

Nancy submitted the bill to Marty for the trustees' dues to the NHLTA. Nancy is going to obtain a copy of the town's 10 year Master Plan so that we can use it as a reference as we formulate our version for the new Master Plan.

The meeting ended at 5:24 p.m. The next meeting of the Webster Free Public Library will be on Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Collins, Secretary