

Harwinton Public Library
Minutes of Harwinton Public Library Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Leslie at 7:05. Members present were Art, Debbie, Carol, Jamie, Betsy, Paul, Patti and Library Director Alice Freiler.

Public input: None

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept by Art, second by Betsy

Treasurer's Report: to be continued-information incomplete at time of meeting

Director's Report:

- The reading program funded with ARSL grant is being revised/reworked with an alternate theme and may be a part of the Summer Reading Extravaganza, due to parent pushback to Harry Potter theme.

- An increase has been seen in visits to the library

- Staff has been intensively training for switch to Apollo ILS system and working with Biblionix to test and iron out any problems. Migration will be for the evening of March 22-23. Alice requested that the library be closed at 2pm on March 22 for computer maintenance.

- Staff will work with Computer Obsession and Biblionix for necessary code changes for web site. The cost will be \$500-\$750, which is less than initially anticipated. Leslie made a motion to spend up to \$750. for recoding. Second by Carol.

- Friends of Lyme Public Library picked up two of the old shelving units and donated \$100 to the library. Library given permission to have town crew remove the rest of the shelving for metal collection. Basement organization nearly completed.

- Cursive Writing Program was well received and may be repeated.

- Learn to Knit program in March is full.

- Harwinton's Recycling Coordinator, Terri Christensen, will present a program on composting on March 23 and the town will hold a compost/rain barrel fundraiser during March and April.

-Crime Lab from the Children's Museum in West Hartford will present an in-person program during April vacation week, for ages 6-9 in which children learn forensic science techniques and use them to analyze a "crime scene" and solve a crime.

-Spring story times will be in-person and held outside when weather permits

-Harwinton Historical Society contacted Library about co-sponsoring programs again. This worked very well in the past. Our first joint program will be *Mark Twain and the Supernatural* on Sunday, April 24. This is scheduled in the Town Hall Assembly Room, as HHS programs are generally well attended and there were concerns about the size of the library's meeting room. This will be an in-Person program.

Library Friends

-The Plant, Book & Bake Sale will run again this year and should be able to proceed with a full sale this year including bake sale and teacup auction. The Friends will double check about any remaining restrictions.

-The Library Friends have begun sending out Welcome Packets to new residents, which includes a welcome letter, information about the Library, a Library card application, calendar of events and a handy refrigerator magnet. Two families have already registered for cards and events.

Motion to approve the directors report by Leslie, Second by Carol

Committees:

Art-Claudia Wood-Rahm currently has her work on display

Budget-no report

Computer/Technology-no report

Fundraising- a few more donations have come in. We will begin drafting our next letter

Building/Property-7 flying squirrels have been captured and removed from attic area

Governance-Leslie, Paul and Debbie have been voted in, at Town Meeting.

Investments-no report

Correspondence-no report

Strategic Planning-no report

Other business-no report

Motion to adjourn by Leslie at 7:45, second by Patti

Next meeting: April 4, 2022, 7:00.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Flowers

