

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD

Wethersfield Library Board Special Meeting of January 6, 2015 – Notes - Unapproved

Members present: Joseph Aguiar, Dorene Ciarcia, Martha Conneely, Mary Frazier, George Kelly, Terry Santapaola

Members absent: Hannah Granfield, Laila Mandour, Peter Denegre

Others: Brook Berry, Library Director

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dorene Ciarcia called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

Dorene commented that the main goal of this special meeting was to develop at least a direction for proceeding with respect to the Sjoman Fund.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Brook passed on a comment by Kiernan Williams of Church Street, who expressed his displeasure over the Library's hours of operation. Mr. Williams feels the Library could be open on Wednesday evenings.

Brook discussed issues that have arisen at the Library Connection Consortium with respect to the sharing of materials among member libraries.

Noteworthy in December:

Brook attended the 2014 Town Salute to Businesses.

There was a good turnout for the teen cookie decorating program in December.

Among children's programs, the Frozen-related programs have been well attended.

In January:

Programs on guided meditation and hypnotherapy seem to be attracting interest.

Other programs planned include stress reduction for high school students and a program related to cake baking.

The Lego programs have started recently.

SJOMAN FUND

There was discussion on how the Board should manage the Sjoman Fund so as to best effectuate the goals of the donor.

INVESTMENT FUND POLICY

There was discussion of the current Investment Policy, and particularly the provisions on minimization of risk. The Finance Committee will address these issues, as well as questions about appropriate signing authority, and report its recommendations to the Board.

INSURANCE POLICY

Brook discussed issues concerning the extent of the insurance coverage afforded by the current Chubb policy, and the question of the separate coverage provided for the Library and the Town. These issues will be taken up by the Town Insurance Committee. Brook will monitor the situation.

FY 2015-2016 BUDGET

Brook reported on her initial efforts to develop the Library Budget for presentation during the upcoming Town Budget process. A general discussion followed. More information will be developed, and it is anticipated that Board members will need to advocate for the Library at the Town Budget hearing.

The special meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
George Kelly, Secretary.