



FRIENDS OF THE  
WEARE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2022

Present: Dena Ventiere, Aroostine Brown, Suzanne Belanger, Helen Dutton, Clay Kriese, Heleen Kurk, Nancy Zienkiewicz, Debbie Farr, Connie Evans, Dianne Hathaway.

Meeting called to order at 6:04. Aroostine motioned, Helen seconded approval of May minutes with one correction. May minutes accepted.

**Financial report:** Helen handed out copies of the updated report. There are some discrepancies between the membership dues record and financial report so Debbie & Helen will meet. Highlights: \$950 from silent auction. \$278 in dues. \$20 in other donations. Expenses for July were \$1061.17 for summer programs. Balance at the end of the month was \$4,451.45 (\$933 is in the process of clearing). Debbie moved, Suzanne seconded to approve. Financial report approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Huge success for patriotic celebration. Dena thanked everyone who worked on it. Set up went smoothly; clean up went quickly; people collected their prizes quickly. Heleen requested we think of this for every patriotic celebration, so people know to look forward to it. Lots of local businesses donated. We might know next year's date by March of 2023. We're thinking it might be July 15 of next year. Helen has a 2022 donor summary that we can work from next year.
2. Debbie asked if we had a calendar of events. Since we don't, Aroostine volunteered to compile a calendar of events so we can be prepared for the events we want to do. We're thinking March of next year we should start preparing for the auction.
3. Membership drive – we have 5 new members. We discussed when our fiscal is to figure out whether we want to do a membership drive in February, October, June or a different month. Debbie moved that we table this discussion and include it in our discussion with our bylaws. Aroostine seconded and the group approved.
4. Bylaws – Suzanne mentioned we need to get this done. She requested a sub-committee to work on them in August, present a draft at the Sept. meeting, and then have a vote at October's meeting. Suzanne, Heleen, Debbie, Dena, and Nancy volunteered. The group will meet Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. at the library; Aug. 22, 1 p.m. at the library; and Sept. 12, 1 p.m. at the

library. Dianne has offered to take a look at the amended bylaws before we present them at the Sept. meeting.

**New Business:**

1. museum passes – we have 3 but they are being used regularly and the library staff is getting additional requests. Dena would like to add 2 additional passes – MacAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (\$300) and the Currier (under \$100). After discussion and clarification, Heleen moved, Debbie seconded, to approve \$300 for the MacAuliffe Center. Approved. After further discussion, Debbie moved we approve the Currier up to \$75. Dena seconded. Approved.

2. Clay asked for volunteers for Touch-a-Truck on Thursday at the middle school. Karen can't make it. 6-8 p.m. Debbie will send an email to all members to see if anyone will volunteer (no one present at the meeting was available).

3. Discussion about the email address for the organization. Debbie has the email address and password but was getting odd messages when trying to sign in. We discussed connecting with the library's website but that would cost \$48/year. Debbie will work with Nancy to see if we can get the current gmail email address going. The group felt it was important to have an active one.

4. Debbie asked if we could do some sort of write-up for the next Weare in the World. Dianne will write something up.

Connie Evans introduced herself (new member) & also invited anyone interested in doing a reading for her next play to let her know. The reading will be Aug. 21, 2 p.m. at Lisa Wilbur's location. Members were encouraged to email Connie if interested.

5. Dianne suggested we look into doing some sort of newsletter.

6. Thank-you notes: Helen requested people stick around to help write thank-you notes to those who donated to the auction.

Helen made the motion to adjourn. Dena seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:14 p.m.

**Topics for next meeting:**

1. Dianne suggested we do a monthly email/newsletter to inform everyone of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, general communication.

2. First look at a calendar of events.

3. Updates on email address.