

**Yarmouth Library Board
Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2017**

Present: Kathryn Basile, Jane Cain (Library Director), Kay Delaney, Anastatia Ellis, Sue Loveland (Chair), Helen Niedermeier

The meeting was called to order at 5:30

April 13 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the April 13 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

Library Director's Report

Jane reported that the Library Study Committee visit to Martha's Vineyard was cancelled and will be re-scheduled. The Committee Chair and Jane will have regular meetings to work on the building program document.

Discussion of Yarmouth Reads

Comments on the Project

Jane presented the budget. Total expenditures were \$1025.90; this does not include funds received for copies of the book or tickets to the finale. Jane will expedite payments to the caterer, lodge, and for reimbursements. Completed evaluation forms were positive. Most would like the project to occur again next year. Varied times and days for the programs were a good idea. There could have been better promotion of the Finale. Staff did not see the project as an extra burden to their work. Jane will send library letterhead logo to Helen. Helen will send thank you notes to the Associations, the Red Cross, the Cultural Center, and Pat Armstrong.

Ideas for Next Time

Promotion:

- Work to reach people other than regular patrons;
- Include a Library website page devoted to the project;
- Do more cohesive promotion of the finale;
- Reach out through: book groups; bookmarks; social media; local organizations; The Point on WCAI; Yarmouth Senior Center.

Timeline

- Consider shortening the timeline of the project to two months;
- Start planning in September.

Book Selection

- Sue has a list of book selections (including Sears Point, Year by the Sea, Master of the Sweet Trade, Blackbird House, Fried Green Tomatoes, Hillbilly Elegy);
- Board members will keep track of favorites from their own summer reading;
- Ballots, including criteria for selection, will be available at the libraries' desks in the fall;

Discussion of Library Vision Statement Revision

There are questions about the process needed to change the current Vision Statement. Sue will check with the Town Administrator's office to find out what permission is needed to update the information about the Library Board from the Town Report. Jane will check with staff on the history of that information.

Board Member Items

Sue and Kay provided an update on Town Meeting discussion of the library funding issue by the Finance Committee and Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2017.