

## Library Trustees Meeting

Walden Community Library

October 7 2025

Present: Martha Bissell, Marie Blodgett, Sarah Augeri, Allison Gulka

Meeting called to order at 4:35

### 1. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Martha read the minutes from the last meeting.

Allison motioned to approve the minutes, Sarah seconded and the motion carried.

### 2. Treasurer's report

There are some questions about "previous expenditures to date" and we will clarify this and table it for now.

### 3. Budget request

Select Board meets again before our next meeting, to discuss the budget that goes with the town report. This year, we have a budget of \$5500. Trustees discussed how much to request for the coming year. Snacks and supplies for programs have been purchased out of pocket for several programs over the year. Allison made a motion to request an operating budget of \$6000 for the next fiscal year. Marie seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### 4. Report on events

Pie and Ice Cream Social: ~50 people

Square Dance: ~30 people

Fall Foliage: ~30 people

### 5. Update on grants and programs

Scholastic Book Fair in October at Danville, which we should make known to Walden families.

Grants: Allison is working with Jessica Kenyon on putting together a CliF grant, and application for Read a Recipe for Literacy is in conceptual stages (applications are rolling).

Programs: Second Saturday Storyhour Playgroup run by Marie will be starting up. This coming Saturday- pumpkin theme. We will send flyer to Jaylin to send out to school families. Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec. 13 from 10-11:30 (Marie will come early and stay for library open hours on those days). There was a discussion about Halloween in collaboration with the PTA, but this is still to be determined.

Sandy had mentioned wanting to do a holiday paper folding on two possible dates (including Nov 15). The holiday cookie party is tentatively scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00.

### 6. Collaboration with the school

Martha would like to find a way to send messages to parents – to see whether overdue books from last year should be marked as lost. Allison will talk to Jaylin about this. She is also looking into getting interlibrary loan to work because one of the teachers is interested in some titles for her class. We will likely have to pay for postage both ways but we will keep working on it.

### 7. Programming and event schedule – addressed earlier in the meeting

8. Other business – Martha mentioned a policy about computer use to make sure they are used appropriately. We will talk to the school about drafting a policy that is consistent with the school for school groups and youth programs.

Next meeting: December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM. Allison motioned to adjourn the meeting, Sarah seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35.