

MINUTES

Dennis Library Board

Thursday November 14, 2019 4:43 pm / Jacob Sears Memorial Library/ Meeting called to order by Kate Byron

In Attendance

Members of the Dennis Library Board in attendance were Kate Byron, Anne Keaveney, Jamie Forster, Marilyn Mooers, Pat O'Donnell, Walter Phinney, Carol Tarala and Nancy Wilson. Not attending were Susan Kelley and Cindy Cullen. Directors of the West Dennis and Dennis Memorial Libraries were in attendance as well.

Minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting were accepted by unanimous vote

Director's Report

Cindy Cullen was unable to attend the meeting but Nancy Wilson, Dennis Public Library Board Representative, reported for her. She reported that water damage in the meeting room and children's room was extensive. Most programs have been cancelled or postponed until at least January. Public computers are unable to be used and the telephones are out. Repairs are ongoing.

Cindy was most grateful to assistance offered from other libraries and townspeople, including donated "hotspots" to allow for very limited internet service. The Girls Who Code workshop will be held at the Dennis Police Department until further notice. The Dennis Town Website has listed the library open for regular hours with limited service.

Cindy met for a preliminary budget session with Liz Sullivan and reported that a decreased budget (amount \$2000 in supply line item) is expected for this year and perhaps a further decrease next year as well. Kate will check with Cindy for ramifications of decrease and rising CLAMS fees.

Tote bags are available for \$3.00 at all libraries.

Dennis Public Library Policy changes were reviewed and accepted. They included the Study Pod Policy, Unattended and Disruptive Child Policy.

The long-range plan action plan review was approved as amended and submitted to the State on schedule in December.

Library Directors

The agenda for the Librarians' meeting included:

- Story Walk issues
- Budget
- Veronica's Home School News Initiative
- Earth Day programs for the spring

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New Business

Kate again reminded Library Reps to forward monthly minutes to their respective Boards of Trustees before each Library Board meeting.

The Howes Cemetery Tour had six participants on a very cold Saturday. They will perhaps try again in the spring.

Library Reports (Please check library websites for additional information)

Dennis Public-Please check with library website for updates on programs at the library.

South Dennis Library- An Open House – Cider & Good Cheer will be held during regular library hours on December 2, 3, and 4 at the library. Please stop in.

Raffle tickets are available until December 7th.

Veronica continues to work on outreach via Facebook to Home School Parents for Library Services that may be helpful to them.

No news as to septic replacement yet.

Dennis Memorial Library-The Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale will be held during Dennis Visions Stroll on December 8th from noon- 3:30pm. The Hospice Trees of Memories will be in the library courtyard during the Holiday Season. A brief ceremony will take place on Thursday December 19th at noon. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

Jacob Sears Memorial- The Annual Fundraising Drive is ongoing. Eventide Players continue to use the wonderful stage/ theater part of the library for ongoing performances during the year. A December musical program is planned in conjunction with the Harwich Girl Scouts and Quivet Neck Homeowners Association.

West Dennis Free Public- The Friends Cookie Sale will continue through the West Dennis Stroll on December 14th. There will be a drawing for a Gingerbread House. Programs for the season will include a movie matinee on December 11th.

Next Meeting: The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm. The Dennis Library Board will not meet in December. Information on the next meeting will be announced

Best Wishes for the Holidays and Happy New Year,

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tarala

Secretary