

**Lawrence Memorial Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
September 25, 2019

**Attending:**

Board Members: Caroline Engvall, Lynn Camara, Melanie Stultz-Backas, Anne Wallace

**Staff:** Nancy Wilson

Minutes from the previous meeting accepted by consensus.

**Librarian's Report:**

Marita has written a detailed librarian's report. She did an amazing amount of things this summer!

Nancy spoke to Dana Hart, Director at the Ilsley, who would love to come to talk at a board meeting about the hiring process that Middlebury went through with her. She also suggested a board member who might be willing to visit to talk about the process from the board's perspective. Nancy will have Dana come to a February or March meeting. (January being budget time)

The Five Town Friends of the Arts and the library have scheduled another Poetry Out Loud event for Thursday evening October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Accounts look good

Nancy will check with Nancy Palermo-Lee to see why the budgeted amount for the courier is zero.

**Old Business:**

The Gateway Players one act plays were very well received. The three performances, Friday evening, Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon were attended by 17, 45, and 20 people respectively. The players have donated \$100 of the proceeds to the library. The players are also willing to do the short play Philadelphia at the Ten Below Variety Show.

We are scheduled to do trivia in October. Anne will do the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup>. Caroline will do the 15<sup>th</sup>. Jill and Melanie will decide which of the last two weeks they will each do.

Ian was in today and plans to install the screen next Wednesday. He will begin Reel Film Fridays on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The fish tank needs to be moved.

Caroline has some ideas for programs at the library. They include getting teens in for some kind of silly video viewing, hosting politicians, being a meeting place for LGBTQ youth, English lessons for migrant farmers with events for their families, parent talks, more book clubs, game nights, a retro tool program, and movie nights.

Lara Keenan, from the Department of Libraries, sent us a link to her presentation *Future of Libraries*: it focuses on the idea of libraries as community hubs, as lenders of unusual items, and as presenters of new sorts of programs and services. She says, “the future of public libraries is in connection, not the collection.”

Melanie shared a link to a copy of the long range plan from the Thetford library. It is a good example of a plan from a library similar to us. Nancy mentioned that planning usually consist of specific steps which include surveys or focus groups or informal community conversations to gauge community needs, some demographic study of the community, the choosing of two main roles with one or two secondary roles, some goal setting designed to reach the goals, and some specific actions to achieve those goals.

**New Business:** Sally Burrell sent out an email to see if a community organization or business would like to host an EV charging station. Nancy thinks this might be a good thing for the library. She will call Sally.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:15

#### **Agenda for the next meeting (Wednesday, October 16, at 6:30)**

1. Review agenda
2. Visitor's business
3. Review of and acceptance of meeting minutes
4. Librarian's report
5. Treasurer's report—budget and investments
6. Discussion of future of library
7. Old Business
8. New business
9. Summary
10. Next meeting date