

**WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 28, 2022 6:30 p.m.**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eileen Daly called the Library Board to order at 6:40 p.m. Present, via Town of West Hartford WebEx. Present were Board members Kim Cohen, Eileen Daly, Gail Crockett, Dr. Natalia Menjivar and Jill Spear, Library Director Laura Irmscher, and Janet Valencis, recorder. Rebecca Nugent, Librarian, was present from the public.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

3. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (Items 4 & 8a i, 8a ii, 8a iii.)

MOTION: On a motion made by Jill Spear and seconded by Kim Cohen, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

4. THE MEETING MINUTES of February 28, 2022 were approved as part of the consent agenda.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - none

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Staff Spotlight – Rebecca Nugent

Rebecca shared highlights of the recent adult winter reading program which was very successful.

b. FY23 Budget Update

Laura attended a Budget workshop and presented the library budget on March 16,

c. Staff Professional Development Update

The library will be holding a Staff Day on May 12, 2022. Staff training will be provided and the library will be closed.

MOTION: On a motion made by Kim Cohen and seconded by Gail Crockett, the Board unanimously approved the closing of the library on May 12, 2022 for a staff development day.

d. Library Issues and Trends – EBook bill update

Laura shared updates about the EBook bill which is moving along in the legislative process.

7. NEW BUSINESS - none

## 8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. February Report, submitted:
  - i. Library Administrative Report
  - ii. Budget Report
  - iii. Circulation Statistics (issued quarterly)
- b. Current Month Briefing.

Laura shared some highlights

- February attendance was 19,000 people, our highest attendance for a month since we reopened in June of 2020.
- The library worked with another organization to collect medical supplies for the Ukraine. Library patrons were very generous.
- Studio 20 South is officially open and was showcased in a West Hartford News article.
- Faxon Fun is returning this summer after a two year hiatus.
- 2 February virtual programs drew our largest virtual attendance
  - Justice Ethel Rosenberg
  - Virtual Tour of Jane Austen's Home
- The Ballet will give a family program which is a preview of their upcoming performance of Aladdin on April 11, 2022.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: The Library Board Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:05pm. The next scheduled Board Meeting is on April 25, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Cohen  
Board Secretary

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