

WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
Monday, April 25, 2022 6:30 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eileen Daly called the Library Board to order at 6:35 p.m. Present, via Town of West Hartford WebEx were Board members Eileen Daly, Gail Crockett, Dr. Natalia Menjivar and Jill Spear, Library Director Laura Irmscher, and Janet Valencis, recorder. Member Kim Cohen was absent.

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 Natalia Menjivar, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

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

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - none

6. OLD BUSINESS:

a. FY2023 Budget Update – The Town Council is voting on the budget tonight.

b. Library Issues and Trends – Intellectual Freedom

Laura discussed some national trends and how our policies support our decision making on materials purchases.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. May Meeting Location

The May meeting will be held in person in the Board Room at the Noah Webster Library.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. March Report, submitted:

- i. Library Administrative Report
- ii. Budget Report
- iii. Circulation Statistics (issued quarterly)

b. Current Month Briefing.

- March circulation was the highest since the pandemic started.
- A firm has been selected to do the feasibility study for the new Community Center.
- We are in the process of hiring part time staff to fill reference, circulation and technology positions.
- The Mayor's Youth council created a petition to rename New Street to Dinah Street. The council will present their request to the planning and zoning commission.
- West Hartford Reads in April with Gish Jen was a success.
- In person children's programs are in progress now.
- Library staff will be attending the Connecticut Library Association Conference in Hartford CT on May 3 and 4.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: The Library Board Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next scheduled Board Meeting is May 23, 2022 in the Board Room at the Noah Webster Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Daly, Secretary Pro Tem
West Hartford Library Board

"This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Governor Lamont's executive orders concerning the conduct of virtual meetings and proceedings and the public had the ability to view the meeting in real-time on West Hartford Community Interactive: Comcast Channel 96, Frontier TV Channel 6099, and streaming on the WHCI website."