

Washburn Memorial Library
Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025

Present: Sarah Sines, Courtney Howe, Bev Turner, Cara Miller, Londa Brown, Ed Jarrell, Sue Brown, Donna Turner, Christina Maynard, Tiffany Wheeler

Christina Maynard called the meeting to order at 4:26 PM.

Secretary's Report: Londa Brown moved to accept the secretary's report, seconded by Bev Turner. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report: Donna spoke about the library's financial report. In March the library should be operating at 16.6 percent or less of the year's budget, which it is. The Events line was increased by \$300. The King Grant is no longer appearing on the report. Maine Community Foundation is now included on the summary report. It increased by \$2,259.38, with \$4,100 available. The Memorial Books line has \$78.95 and Miscellaneous Donations has a balance of \$1,009.75. The Randall Fund has a balance of \$10,165.92, and can be spent on capital improvements only.

Library Director's Report: Cara reported on March's circulation statistics: 304 items were checked in, 295 items were checked out and 27 items were renewed.

Laura and Randy McPherson donated a cribbage board to the library. Laura has hopes of attending Game Day in the near future. A picture of the board has been added to the library website.

The Boudmans donated a puzzle board, another nice addition for people to enjoy.

Seven people attended the last Game Day.

Cook's Florist sent a bouquet of flowers to the library in honor of National Library Week.

The Seed Library is open and free to patrons. Donations are also accepted.

A display was created and displayed in honor of National Library Week, with a chocolate treat presented as a thank you to patrons.

Teatime Book Club is reading *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*, by Fiona Davis.

Books & Brews Social Hour continues on the second Monday of each month at 12:00 PM.

The Spring Yoga class is doing well, with 10 to 12 regular participants.

Ed completed scanning library board meeting minutes. Records from 2014 to the present have been uploaded to the library website.

Children's Librarian Report: Laura McPherson recently taught a painting class to Marcie's ladies. She is considering opening up the next class to the public.

Storytime continues each Wednesday with strong attendance. Tiffany works with the younger children while Courtney works with the older ones. A homeschooling mom is teaching the high schoolers basic sewing.

Courtney is exploring a propagation component for the seed library. Other libraries have seen success with this program. Patrons would be able to purchase a plant cutting and would receive an informational card with their purchase.

New Business: Christina expressed appreciation to Cara and Courtney for their dedication. Donna presented them with gift baskets. Cara and Courtney spent a few moments looking at their baskets.

Londa has registered for the Trustee Roundtable Spring Meeting. A topic of discussion will be cuts at the Maine State Library.

Time for nominations of officers for next year. Bev nominated Ed to be president. Londa seconded the nomination of Ed. A vote was taken and Ed will be the library president for the upcoming year.

Londa nominated Sue for assistant chair. Ed seconded the nomination. A vote was taken and Sue will be assistant chair for the upcoming year.

Sarah was nominated for secretary by Londa and seconded by Bev. A vote was taken and Sarah will continue as secretary for the upcoming year.

Londa recently attended a Zoom meeting through the Maine State Library. There is concern about a freezing of funds and how that will affect the Maine State Library as well as local libraries throughout the state. Library services could be affected, however there are many unknowns at this time. One of the takeaways from the Zoom meeting is the importance of contacting our senators and representatives to express our concerns about the funding freezes.

Reads to Share: A few board members shared books they have recently read.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Bev Turner at 5:11 PM, seconded by Londa Brown. The motion carried.