

Welcome to the October 22, 2018 Annual Meeting

The Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome you to the 124th Annual Meeting of the Wayne Library Association.

The library is proud of its many collaborations this year - with the elementary school, and a special author in residence program - with Sustain Wayne to help develop both a print and Web based interactive town map that will feature landmarks and town businesses - with an ad hoc committee to remove, restore, and house the Alice in Wonderland painted panels graciously donated by Grace Burleigh - with the Aging in Place team that is working to provide numerous supports for our older population - with the Town of Wayne to manage the 5K Walk/Run race last August - with the Wayne Community Church to provide seating for two large author presentations, and with the Ladd Center to provide a musical performance venue.

We continue to be busy and accomplish much. Our volunteers keep the library open additional hours, maintain both buildings, plant and maintain the gardens, send thank you letters to donors, sew the quilt, bake and make chocolates, organize and offer used books at book sales, mow the lawn, offer First Saturday mornings, and help coordinate a variety of programs, talks, and other informative events for patrons of all ages. The Friends of the Library, with co-Presidents Sue Spalding and Sarah Reed, organizes fund raising activities all year to help support our operating budget. Our facilities are used on a regular basis by the Friday Club, the Aging in Place team, and other non-profit groups and individuals for various meetings and events. We continue to attract many different people who are pleased to be associated with such a vibrant effective library community. Our library reflects a national trend where libraries offer books, but also a range of computer and technology services, lectures, and a myriad of cultural events and programs for all ages. Our events attract residents of Wayne and surrounding communities - some of whom travel quite a distance to listen to a special author or other presenter.

Last year we announced that Ed Kallop and Ned Baker had left half of their estate to the library. The Library Board will have access to the interest from this bequest, and will determine how these funds are best used. These funds are now separately invested with our financial manager, HM Payson, and the finance team rewrote the investment policy to reflect the needs of these funds. Treasurer Kevin Brooks will provide further details in his report, and we remain grateful to Ned and Ed for placing so much trust in the library to accumulate and spend their funds wisely.

Our different spaces are used by numerous patrons of all ages, and offer great flexibility for whatever might be needed. The library continues to house the vault, and offers space for the town archive committee to organize and review historical materials. Our 3-drawer lateral file cabinet fits in the fireproof space under the stairs, and will house decades of essential library records, both past and future. Non-essential records are housed in the library office space in an upstairs room at the Williams House. The Stafford Level is in frequent use for research, tutoring, meetings, Lego Club, etc etc.

The Williams House, managed so effectively by Jane Andrews, Holly Stevenson and Don Welsh is frequently in use for an amazing array of events, and has evolved from a space that we despaired of when first viewed on purchase 7 years ago, to a beautifully restored, highly functional space that attracts more and more people every year.

All of our policies and mission and vision statement are available on the website and in the library. We have committees (including non-Board members) that are meeting on a regular basis, addressing relevant issues, and reporting out to the Board. Thank you to Pam Chenea for 4 years as Recording Secretary and welcome to Jane Davis who has now stepped up to do that job. She receives lists from Dawn Brooks, and carefully sends a letter of Thanks to all our Donors, which serves as our heartfelt thanks and a record for the IRS. Our treasured Treasurers - Dawn and Kevin Brooks - are both CPA's and professionally equipped to deal with a complex budget and a variety of financial issues. Dawn pays the bills, attends meetings with the finance team, prepares reports, maintains the membership list, and consults with Kevin. Kevin attends the monthly Board meetings with a budget presentation to the Board, and also coordinates with Kent Whitaker, our Portfolio Manager from HM Payson, whenever appropriate. Mr. Whitaker also does an annual presentation to the Board. We take our responsibility to manage the funds all of you and many others have contributed over the years, in a very, careful prudent manner.

The Heather Black Children's Fund helps to fund Lego Club and other children's programs, the Bea Lever Cultural Arts Fund pays for speakers, and other programs, and the long-standing Book Purchase Fund buys books as it has for many decades. These memorial funds are now well established, and can be added to, to help maintain book and audio purchases, and programming well into the future.

The garden team, coordinated by Cindy Pelliccia, works very hard maintaining and planting a variety of shrubs and flowers around the Cary Building. Jamie Ault continues to maintain and develop the Lois Ault Memorial Garden at the Williams House. You'll soon hear a report from the House Committee describing their ongoing efforts at maintaining and improving our properties. Thanks especially to Don Welsh for his considerable work coordinating a team that stays busy year around doing a large amount of heavy labor and important maintenance. Our resident engineer, Ken Bate, makes sure the elevator, furnace and alarm systems are properly inspected and maintained.

You will hear from many members this evening with their various reports. We are also grateful for the dedication and professionalism of Janet, our librarian. Janet knows her readers of all ages, and works hard to provide the literary and technology services she knows her constituents need and want. She understands the Wayne community and has an uncanny knack of knowing what a child might like or who might have a bit of free time to contribute in some way. Janet also coordinates story time or another children's

program almost every week of the year. Thank you, Janet for sharing your sense of humor and expertise with us for the last 31 years. We can also thank all the folks who have gone before us for creating a facility and a culture in Wayne of love of learning and volunteerism.

We are a private, free, public library and have had a suggested annual dues rate of \$5.00 a year for many years now. The Board voted to continue this rate, as this is manageable for most families, and is an incentive for many others to make an additional donation. This policy has worked well for many years, and we are in favor of continuing it.

Last year Library Members were invited to a special meeting to vote to amend the old By-Laws to allow email communication with membership. During this past year, The By-Laws committee has worked hard to update the old 1990 By-Laws. Thanks to those who commented on the version published on our website last month. We have incorporated many of those comments, and want to share this final version with you tonight, and to vote on them.

Thank you so much for attending and supporting us in all the many ways you do. Let's review the new by-laws and then proceed to all the individual reports.

Judy Danielson, President, Wayne Library Board