

Friends of the West Haven Library Meeting 3/2/21

In attendance: Colleen Bailie, Catherine Bushman, Pat Donnelly, Alan Olenick, Kym Powe, Maureen Ulsamer, Ben Martin, Heather Westbrook, Peter Cappuccia, Patti GaNun, Andrea Mears, Dolores, Angela Invernale

President's Report: The meeting with EveryLibrary went well; we will be working to support the budget proposal and advocate for the library. An email campaign/petition is going out asking for mayoral support of the budget. As this is an election year, we will become more involved in asking candidates about their thoughts on the library and publishing them. Friends website was updated to include information about advocacy and the budget.

Director's Report: A new part-time custodian has been hired for night and Saturdays to supplement Mike's work. We submitted out budget, requesting \$1.5 million. We are looking at a use bookmobile to temporarily service the Allingtown area; and there is some property on the Post Road that could possibly be a suitable permanent location. EveryLibrary has been very helpful. We hope to figure out how to engage in the political landscape of West Haven differently—more positively—in hopes of more successful outcomes.

Membership Report: No Membership changes

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Absent

- Funding Request: Reusable Story Walk Signs \$555 **APPROVED**
 - "Friends of the West Haven Library Story Walk" shown on signs
- "Passport program" to celebrate the centennial (and could possibly utilize the story walk signs).
 - Businesses can be a destination and/or sponsor
- National Library Week banner purchased: \$138.80. Will go up near City Hall on St. Patrick's Day through April.
- Some sort of Library Walk to happen between now and Sept/Oct.