**Friends of the West Haven Library Meeting 10/5/21**

In attendance: Colleen Bailie, Catherine Bushman, Pat Donnelly, Bill Heffernan, Alan Olenick, Maureen Ulsamer, Patti GaNun, Sue Bonci, Kathy St. Clair, Petra Stock, Heather Westbrook, Christine Diehl, Angela Invernale

Meeting called to order at 5:10. Approval of minutes from August and September.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Read and approved

**Director’s Report:** New bookmobile librarian starts this week and a new part timer starts next week which means we will be fully staffed with our current hours. Staff development day went well. Carnegie building paint job is complete and looks great! New AV equipment has been installed in the Connie Sacco room and Mike has been repainting the entire Graham room. We will be getting new stairwell treads soon also. We had a lot of engagement at our tables at WestFest and the Apple Festival. We are still following city guidelines and strongly encouraging masks; staff stays masked. The Children’s department has had success with small outdoor programs and the community room is usable for meetings/programs of 15 adults or less. Reference has continued virtual programming: there was a well attended author talk with Sydney Sherman and upcoming programs include Women in Jazz and Votes for Women (virtual programs). Hotspots are once again being circulated after funding briefly ran out. We are still working on a space in Allingtown; we submitted a grant for a potential space last month.

**Membership Report:** 76 active members, 18 renewals, over $200 in checks/cash physically mailed to the Friends

**FOCL Meeting**: People seem impressed with our most recent book sales. The VA is accepting book donations if we want to send them some. Other options for the extra books is bookscouter.com or the sustainability project through the ALA

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* Our information on the FOCL site needs updating
* Re-Read Books in Cheshire also looking to take used books
* About 200 bags were left after the first book sale (out of 400)
	+ Next time perhaps we could get a sponsorship for the bags instead of paying out of pocket
* Maureen – Goodbye card for Kevin (better late than never ☺)
* Funding Request: Children’s Dept Gingerbread House Kits and Instructional Video
	+ Request for $425 – **APPROVED**
* Meeting time/date changes: Next meeting will be held at 5:15pm in order to allow more time for people who work until 5 to make it. We will also be meeting on the *second* Tuesday of the month, because the first Tuesday is Election Day.

**Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, November 9th at 5:15pm**