**Friends of the West Haven Library Meeting Minutes (7-6-21)**

In attendance: Colleen Bailie, Alan Olenick, Catherine Bushman, Bill Heffernan, Kym Powe, Pat Donnelly, Maureen Ulsamer, Patti GaNun, Sue Bonci, Ann Shines, Doug \_\_\_, Angela Invernale

**Directors report:** We have increased our hours again. Main branch: MWTh 10a-7p. Tues/Fri 10a-5p, Sat 10a-2p; Ora Mason: Mon 12p-7p, TWTh 10a-5p, Fri 10a-2p. After Labor Day, we hope to extend Saturday hours at the Main Branch to 10a-5p. Our Children’s Dept head Maria Zervos is moving away, her replacement Amy Sullivan starts on July 19th, 2021. A new part-timer, Jasmine Jones, begins July 6th, 2021. We are still holding off on in-person programming until fall at the earliest. OM’s small program room is usable, but the large room is still housing furniture from LP. Small adult groups may be able to use Main Branch community room but it is still not suitable for large groups or children. Mask policies has changed: Staff is still wearing masks but patrons who are vaccinated may opt out of wearing one. Computer use has been extended to 2 hours per person per day, and we are increasing the seating available in Circulation and Children’s Depts. During the heat wave the week of June 28th, West Haven libraries (*both* locations) were the ONLY available cooling centers in town. Staff has been focusing on collection development and weeding, so there will be plenty of items for the book sale. Manga collection is so large we will be moving it downstairs to Circulation. Biographies will move from Reference to Nonfiction section, Oversized books will move to Reference. Graham room is going to be painted. The Board approved some new computers (mostly going to Reference) as well as painting/refurbishing the original Carnegie building outside. Slowly but surely plans for an Allingtown branch are moving forward; we hope to be able to make some official announcements soon.

**Membership report:** total of 116 members since July 1st 2020, $1148.67. It’s time to send out Membership renewals (Friends with email addresses will get an email, if not we will send a mailer). Volunteers would be appreciated for stuffing envelopes!

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer’s Report *and* End of Fiscal Year report-Read and approved. We are ahead of where we were at this time last year, and our total contributions to the library this year was $6200.

**Fundraisers:** Paint night to be scheduled for mid-August, giving us time to promote it. Other ideas include a Virtual Bake Sale, a live Clue Game, Bus trip to an author’s house (with discounted tickets for Friends members)

**Notes:** We should arrange a photo op at Walmart (staff buying supplies) as a thank you for their continued support. Also, we may need to think about organizing a phone tree for Friends who are not on the internet.

**Book Sale:** The Friends will host another $5 Fill-A-Bag book sale on September 4th 2021, coinciding with the weekend of Centennial fireworks. We will purchase bags with our logo on one side and the Centennial logo on the other. Leftover bags (if any) can be sold at the library or at events with a library presence in the future.