**Friends of the West Haven Library Meeting Minutes 10/4/22**

In attendance: Colleen Bailie, Catherine Bushman, Bill Heffernan, Alan Olenick, Christine Diehl, Pat Donnelley, Michael Invernale, Angela Invernale

5:21 Meeting called to order

Minutes approved

Membership Report:

* + 11 new members, $420 in membership payments, 121 in total

Director’s Report:

* Aisha is no longer employed at WHPL. Her position will be posted later this month. We have started 3 new part timers this week (one has since resigned after recognizing the job was not the right fit). We are hoping to hire someone for the Outreach Librarian position soon. The library’s HVAC system is getting work done, a new boiler was installed and we will be updating the now defunct temperature controls soon. HUD approved our parking lot project, so we hope to be moving forward with that as soon as we have some quotes. I went before City Council in September to discuss the Allingtown library project in hopes of receiving some ARPA funds for the project. Fall programs are in full swing, thank you to the Friends for sponsoring some Reference programs and the Children’s Dept’s Halloween program. We are moving ahead with Giving Collaborative soon to begin our discussions for the capital campaign. Our new toy lending library will hopefully kick off in November.

Treasurer’s Report: Read and approved.

FOCL Report: FOCL membership dues are due, Bill will send in the check along with the (3rd) request to update the information for FoWHPL on the FOCL site. Motion to approve $60 FOCL fee (Approved). Offer from Cheshire to pick up books still stands.

Old Business – Comedy Night rescheduled to October 29th at West River Hall – waiting for the site to be updated to sell tickets. Tickets will cost $25 with 75% of the proceeds going to the Friends. Cash bar, bring your own food if you wish! Venue can comfortably fit about 100 people.

Liability concerns were raised due to alcohol on site, but ultimately the venue/organizers are the only people who would assume responsibility. We are not hosting this event; we are simply being donated to by the organizers. There was discussion and concerns regarding the makeup of the friends. All members of the Friends serve in a volunteer role.