**Friends of the Library – Meeting Minutes 4/5/22**

In attendance: Colleen Bailie, Catherine Bushman, Alan Olenick, Bill Heffernan, Patti GaNun, Sue Bonci, Maureen Ulsamer, Michael Invernale, Pat Donnelly, Doug Daniels, Christine Diehl, Heather Westbrook, Angela Invernale

Meeting called to order 5:16

Land Trust of West Haven: Native Plant Initiative – Planted the Native Plant Installation facing Campbell Ave at Main Library (may extend to corner). Their goal is to increase the biomass of native flora in West Haven for environmental and educational purposes. Not necessarily looking for monetary help (though it is welcome!), but they just want the library’s support in their initiative.

March Minutes approved

Director’s Report: Library visits have been increasing over the last month as more patrons are coming in for materials and programs. I will be presenting to City Council on the library’s budget next Wednesday 4/13/22 at 7pm if anyone wants to come show support. The budget that I put in to the mayor is what she put forward to Council so hopefully it stays that way! The part-time accountant position is on Indeed and we will hopefully begin interviewing soon for the position. Mary in Tech Services has been immensely helpful in Angela C.’s absence. Allingtown plans continue to move slowly. More than likely we will be before the Planning and Zoning board by May. I attended PLA (Public Libray Association) Conference in Oregon last month – was good to affirm the things we are doing right and see what ways we can improve. CLA (Connecticut Library Association) Conference is May 3rd and 4th – All professional staff have the opportunity to go for one day if they wish, and some full-time assistants when two could not attend.

Membership Report: Total members – 131; $1623.22 FY.

Treasurer’s Report: Read and approved

* Reminder email to go out about the Annual Staff/Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon RSVPs. Food will be ordered from Lorenzo’s, Alan know local baker who will provide cupcakes.
* Maureen purchased supplies for luncheon: tablecloths, plates, napkins etc
* Funding Request: Beardsley Zoo (2 discount passes) - **$300 APPROVED**
* Funding Request: Shoreline Trolley Museum (1 pass) **$100 APPROVED**
* Friends approved giving **$150** to the Native Plant Initiative for help with signage around the native plant installations
* Book Sale: We will be making this a Fill-A-Bag book sale. Should we make lawn signs to advertise sale? Reusable so no specifics on the sign.
* FOCL – Book sale group meets in Farmington 4/19/22
* Capital Campaign – Allingtown –we may hire a person or company to run it, up to the VIA