

Watchung Library Advisory Committee

Minutes of March 13, 2024

7:00 p.m.

WLAC Members Present:

Catherine Leigh
Marianne Candiloros
Manuel Miracle
Ann Koufomihalis - via Zoom
Tamara Benc
Margaret Ellis
Maria Dahl, absent

President Leigh called the meeting to order.

Minutes of January 2024 were moved by Ms. Leigh and seconded by Ann Koufomihalis.

Discussion ensued about "Watchung Library Advisory Board" name change to "Watchung Library Advisory Committee." Ms. Margaret Ellis prefers to keep the title of "Board" versus "Committee" to maintain gravitas.

Discussion ensued about the term "bullying" by Ms. Benc, who is well versed in HIB Policy and doesn't feel "bullying" is an appropriate term. Ms. Ellis agrees and feels the term "discrimination" would be more fitting. President Leigh indicated this is pursuant to the Mayor's wishes.

Librarian Miracle shared her comprehensive Report, which was distributed to all WLAC members. Of note, during the Library renovation, the owner of 20 Stirling Road has offered their space for a temporary library while renovation is ongoing. First date of temporary location of 20 Stirling is Wednesday, June 5.

Librarian Miracle also highlighted some of the wonderful additions to the renovated library; for example, 76-person conference room, 24-hour holds, STEAM room, etc. Furniture will be transferred to Bayberry during renovation. Temporary location will have abbreviated hours.

Per Mayor Jubin, suggestions for new speakers including programs with speakers; such as, Bruck Ruck, Black Jack, speaker on microscopic life in our lakes, astronomy at Philips Field, birding.

President Leigh to contact Borough Administrator D'Amato to

suggest the Council Chambers' back room for WLAC meetings during renovation.

President Leigh suggested library sign will be put on hold until renovation is under way to ensure sign placement is in most visibility-effective location. Ms. Ellis made suggestion of sign with lighting on grass area facing road. Past member Virginia Hartmann obtained the county sign.

Motion to adjourn made by Ana and seconded by Marianne Candiloros. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Marianne Candiloros
Secretary