VIA meeting 7-30-24

Attending meeting:; Bill Heffernan, Alan Olenick, John Galvin, Charlie Gunning, Bill Lang, Joe Fortino, Curtis Hodgkins, Pat Donnelly, Elaine Khu, and Susan Walker.

Staff: Colleen Bailie and Catherine Bushman

Meeting started at 5:01pm.

Bill Heffernan made a motion to accept the VIA’s June 2024 minutes. Charlie Gunning seconded. Motion carried.

Director’s report: by Colleen Bailie

The staff have taken their Niche Academy tests. The results of this test will help us know where the staff are in terms of needing any additional training. It will also be a useful too for training new staff for their positions.

The library was over budget at the end of this Fiscal Year. Mainly due to unexpected expenses.

The Digital Navigator program continues to be used and needed by the West Haven population. The regional program is new available to six CT towns.

Two quotes from auditors were received.

IRS 990 filing penalty was abated. Will have formal notice of this in 4-6 weeks.

Michael Sartor and Collen Bailie have been researching a mechanism to auto flush the toilets for the adult bathrooms due to recent abuse of this service from some of the public.

The quote from Lathrop Architects (?) architects for initial renderings is $7,500.00

The library was represented at the Savin Rock Festival.

Discussion re: a branch library in Allingtown.

Discussion regarding artists for the artwork on the outside front of the Ora Mason building.

Treasurer’s Report – None

Friends of the West Haven Public Library – Pat Donolly: The booksale will be on August 31st. Volunteers will be bringing out the books beginning at 8:00am and will open to the public at 10:00am. The raindate for this event will be Saturday 9-07-24.

There is the annual Ice Cream Social at the Ora Mason branch this Friday as well as “Science Hero’s Adventure” on August 13.

Committees - None

Old Business – None

New Business – Auditors. Colleen looked into a few auditors recommended by various other library directors. Two of them offered to answer questions throughout the year and were comparable in every way. They both included the 990.

John Galvin moved to vote for the FML accounting group to be used by WHPL. Seconded by Gwen Haley. Motion accepted. Unanimous.

There was discussion regarding the three mural artists regarding the final choice. The choices were: “Love”, “Butterflies” or “Beach with Flowers”. The mural to be painted on the outside brick in the front walkway at Ora mason Branch. The brick and painting will be weather coated.   
The building was recently power washed in preparation for the mural. There was no allotted time that the mural remains up.

After the mural is completed there will be a large reception planned.

The lights on the Ora Mason front walkway will be inspected and replaced if necessary to showcase the mural.

Alan Olenick made a motion to accept the “Love” mural. Curtis Hodgkins Seconded. 10 voted to accept the “Love” mural. There was one Abstention.

Entered Executive Session @5:25pm.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:35pn.

Bill Heffernan made a motion to end the meeting. Gwen seconded.

Meeting ended at 5:36pm.