

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 6PM, VIA ZOOM**

Committee members attending: Karen Zevin, Andrea Bober, Susan Morduch, Edris Scherer  
WLS staff attending: Terry Kirchner

The meeting discussion started at 6:03 p.m. by Karen Zevin, Chair.

Karen Zevin started the meeting with a comment about the importance of know what is happening and going on with other libraries and schools boards. Terry Kirchner continued the discussion by mentioning representatives from American Library Association are very involved in the office of intellectual freedom and have a new partnership with a group called United Against Book Bans. He suggested mentioning it at the next board meeting and Karen Zevin agreed. This was followed by a brief discussion of the offer that Brooklyn library made, which basically said any young adult could get her free Brooklyn library card to access or ebooks. And then backlash to that offer was discussed.

Karen Zevin reminded the group that at every board meeting there should be a topic of discussion that would deepen the understanding of WLS board members. She asked for suggestions. Terry Kirchner suggested a brief overview of the Data Dashboard. Another suggestion was an explanation of where the funds come from for all the other WLS programs. Terry Kirchner recommended each month focusing on one of these programs and showing where the monies come from for that particular program.

Public comment protocol was reviewed by Karen Zevin and a discussion followed.

There was a very brief discussion of the fact that PLDA is revising their By-Laws.

In reference to Central Library status, Terry Kirchner said that Peekskill has been approved by the DLD, but he still waiting for the written response in terms of the maintenance of effort waiver.

Karen Zevin asked for an update on the hacking. Susan Murdock asked for an update be given at the board meeting highlighting the wins.

The upcoming Trustee Institute at New Rochelle on June 1<sup>st</sup> was mentioned.

Terry Kirchner explained that he will review the DEI audit at the board meeting and a short discussion followed.

Karen Zevin noted that there weren't many changes made to the Employee Handbook. A discussion of importance of onboarding new employees followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edris Scherer