

Agenda  
11/20/17

Watchung Library Advisory Board  
9/13/17 Minutes  
Called to order @ 3:00 PM.

Present were

Stephen Black - Council Liaison  
Eileen Dicken  
Margaret Ellis  
Maureen Greenbaum  
Michael Vignola  
Hannah Kerwin - Watchung Library Manager  
Lauren Ryan - Eastern Area Manager, SCLS  
Keith McCoy -SCLS  
James Maloney - visiter, member of North Plainfield Library Advisory Board  
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved without change. (Moved by Steve Black, seconded by Eileen Dicken.)

Treasurer Eileen Dicken gave her report:  
Ending balance for June \$8,808.18  
July Deposits \$174.74  
Debits \$35.00 to Aqua Services for a new bulb & installation  
\$50.00 to Aqua Services for monthly maintenance  
Ending balance for July \$8,897.92  
August Deposits \$274.79 fines  
\$5.97 fish donations  
Debits were \$50.00 to Aqua Services for monthly maintenance  
Ending balance for August \$9,128.68

We are now using a debit card to pay for the fish maintenance.

Council Liaison Steve Black reported on Watchung borough finances. He also reported that the Watchung Town Council will hold a special session on October 5th\* in order to clarify what Watchung residents want: A library? A community center? How large? And so on.

Virginia Hartmann proposed that residents interested in a new building for our library meet in advance of Council's special meeting in order to make sure that all important points are covered.

Hannah Kerwin reported the following:  
Maintenance has been done on the library security system.  
There will be a reception for departing staff member Chris Fine on Tuesday, September 19th, at the library.  
Ms Fine will not be replaced. In addition, Adult and Teen Librarian Adam Volpe is now half time at WGL and half time at Bound Brook. His reduced hours will not be made up either. Kerwin reports that the staff "can just make it" with the staff hours currently budgeted.

Keith McCoy reported that SCLS will change to a new online circulation system the first weekend of December. There will be a few days of closure while the changeover is done. SCLS will be unable to carry over data about unpaid fines to the new system. The largest fines have already been turned over to one or more collection agencies, so this data will not be lost. SCLS proposes to motivate patrons to pay their fines and start with a clean slate by promising to donate half of all fine monies collected in all branches for September and October 2017 to hurricane victims. Keith reports that there is currently about \$100,000 on the books in unpaid fines and that SCLS typically collects \$13,000 per month in fines.

Maureen Greenbaum moved that the WLAB approve the donation of 50% of fine money collected in Watchung for September and October to hurricane relief. Michael Vignola seconded. The motion carried.\*\*

The next meeting of the WLAB will be Wednesday, November 1st at 3 PM in the Bicentennial Room of the Watchung Library.

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.  
Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Ellis

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Addendum:

\* The Watchung Council's special session about the library has since been rescheduled for November 2nd.  
\*\* SCLS has since decided against donating fine monies for hurricane relief.