

WHLAG Minutes

Attendees

Dishon, Clay; Dysart, Laura; Eklund, Suzie; Flaherty, Scott; Korzun, Bill; Lindsey, Alberta; Mallon, Peg; Peters, Lillian; Smith, Steve; Thompson, Debbie; Park, Carol

Agenda

- Welcome Back!
- Thank you from Sunday in the Park
- Summer Reading Review
- WHNA Fall Picnic
- Author's Night
- Wreaths Across America
- Forest Hill's plaque
- Treasurer's Report
- Clay's Announcements
- Next Meeting

Minutes

- Welcome back from the summer break. Carol Park joined our group as a new member.
- Sunday in the Park. Our crafts were well received, and the event went well. Received a thank you from the organizers.
- Summer Reading Program. Not as well attended this year, as opposed to previous years. The question was raised if we need to do a big kick-off each year? There is always a number of competing events around the same time, and the kick-off is just one of many. Want to weigh the benefits of exposure against the consideration for volunteer time. The group wants to continue the kick-off, advertising earlier next year to promote a bigger draw. Several incentives were offered by the library system, but they were not well communicated, and we were not aware of them until after our event occurred. It was suggested that we offer incentives of our own, and not depend exclusively on the primary offerings from the library administration.
- WHNA Fall Picnic. Does anyone want to volunteer to do crafts again at the fall picnic on September 27th? Laura will do it regardless, but if anyone's available, please sign up.
- Author's Night. Stacey Hawkins Adams will speak at 6:30 on October 6th on her book Water Colored Pearls. She is waiving her fee for us, and will have books available for sale. She will need a podium.
- Wreaths Across America. This is a program to place wreaths on soldier graves across the US. For every 20 that we sell, we get \$100, and we have sold 4 so far. Deadline of December 1st.

- Forest Hill's plaque. Laura took the thank-you plaque to the Forest Hill Association's monthly meeting, and they were very appreciative. The plan is to hang it in the community room.
- Treasurer's Report. Overall, 4018.66 total. 2660.15 undesignated funds. Cash box 100.00. Check from \$530.40 from Ukrops Golden Gift. Clay will create a poster to say thank you to everyone who contributed through Golden Gift.
- Clay's announcements. Thanks for the wedding gift! Very surprised and appreciative.

The city auditor's report, rating library branch services was released, and had good news for the Westover Hills Branch. Availability was rated at 79% (excellent or good), Quality of Facilities at 82%, and Quality of Services at 89%. The downtown library board is focused on staffing and renewing the collection. The staffing plans will support longer hours and more nights, in addition to Monday and Wednesday.

There is a city-wide decline in children's programs and participation, particularly at this branch. Clay regrets not doing more, and is still advocating for a full-time children's librarian. Earlier this year there were 5 rounds of interviews for a part-time position, which produced an excellent candidate. Unfortunately, a full-time position, to be shared between Westover Hills and the Hull Street branch, was approved, which required reposting the job, and a reset of the interview process. The previous candidate found another position, but Clay has just completed the first round interviews with new candidates, and the second round is pending.

Clay is evaluating new meeting room furniture, and the group looked at the sample chairs in green and burgundy. The general consensus was that the burgundy matched the new color scheme of the room.

The DVD projector, approved by our group in May, has not been purchased, but Clay has a plan on the projector and screen. He will report next month.

- Next meeting, October 4 at 9:00 am at the library.