

New Marlborough Town Library Trustees Meeting
June 19, 2023
9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order with Deb O'Brien, Library Director, and Trustees Carrie Liba, Tom Masters and Robin Tost present.

Deb reported on the upcoming art exhibits to be held at the Library. The policy has been changed to state that the percentage on sales of art payable to the Friends of the Library will be raised from 10% to 20%. This is in keeping with the percentages charged by other Libraries. The first event will be on July 2 from 2:00-4:00 and feature Shawn Fields.

In response to their offer, Deb has submitted a request for repayment to the New Marlborough Cultural Council for a nature program that was presented at the school. The cost of the program was \$264. It was a great success and featured guest appearances by a turtle, an owl and a snake.

Deb also requested that the Cultural Council consider financing (\$300) the upcoming talk by Joseph Berger on his new biography of Elie Wiesel which will be held at the Southfield Church on July 22.

After a similar event at the Sheffield Pride Day, the Library has been asked to host a Drag performer story time. After discussion, it was decided that we didn't see the point of doing it this year as Pride Month is almost over, and we didn't really see what the purpose or benefit would be. We felt that it would be better suited to the Church with a program similar to "Ask a Muslim Anything".

The summer reading program has started. Unfortunately, only 6 children are attending.

The Friends of the Library will meet on July 1. Deb will request money for Library supplies.

Staples has announced that it is eliminating lines of credit to organizations. As the Library does not have a credit card, they suggested that Deb simply use her personal card.

This is presumably true for all Town services. Deb will talk to people at Town Hall to figure out how to deal with this situation.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be on Monday, July 17 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Tost