

**THE WAGNALLS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S PUBLIC MEETING  
STATE OF WAGNALLS  
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007**

The Board of Directors held a public meeting on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. with the following board members present: Mr. David L. Wynkoop, Mr. George M. Sheehan, Mr. Carl C. Heister, Mr. John H. Rogers, Ms. Deblin Jennings and Mr. Jared McGill. Mr. Stuart Payne was absent. Ms. M. Ellen Gruber, Executive Director, and Mrs. Sandra Hall, Office Manager, were also present.

Chairman Wynkoop called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those present. He introduced the Board Members, Ms. Gruber, and Mrs. Hall to the public while attendance was taken by Mrs. Hall.

**MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The Board and public reviewed the minutes for the April 23 meeting. Mr. Heister motioned, seconded by Mr. Sheehan, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Ms. Gruber distributed, to the Board and public, an updated Portfolio Analysis report dated 05/19/07. Mr. Sheehan made a brief presentation on this report and pointed out that the current draw rate off of the portfolio was 4.25%. Ms. Jennings entered the meeting at this time.

The Board and public then reviewed a Total Contributions report and Mortgage Retirement Campaign report for 2006 and 2007 YTD. There was some discussion regarding these reports. Chairman Wynkoop stated that the goal of the Mortgage Retirement Campaign was to raise \$700,000 to pay off the Stebelton loan. Mr. Rogers thanked Bob and Rita Stebelton and Charlie Stebelton for the ongoing support of their low interest loans. Ms. Gruber acknowledged Dick and Jo Weiser for their donation of \$50,000 to kick-off the Mortgage Retirement Campaign. Mr. Weiser was present and received a round of applause.

The Board and public then reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Report while Mr. Heister presented information on it.

At this time, Mr. Rogers motioned, seconded by Mr. McGill, to accept the Financial Reports. The motion passed.

**REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS:**

Mrs. Terri Sheehan, Program Coordinator for the Foundation, presented a Room Reservation report while the Board and public reviewed it. This report showed a monthly breakdown of room uses including paid and free events, programming, and internal meetings. She stated that the Foundation had rooms available for the public to rent, including the Gallery, Banquet Hall, Auditorium, Garden, and Lower Level Meeting Room.

Mrs. Erma Storts, Library Director, presented the Library's 2007 YTD Financial Report, 2008 Proposed Budget, and reports showing statistics for Circulation, New Patrons, Inter-Library Loans, Classes, and Reference questions. She provided information on the Summer Reading Program, which includes an Adult and Teen program this year, and the Lego contest in August. She also reported that the Library Board was currently working on a long-range 3-5 year plan. Mr. Rogers commended Mrs. Storts for operating the Library on a much-reduced budget yet still providing a high quality of service.

Erika Jackson, Wagnalls Family Theatre Advisory Committee Chair, distributed a report on the 2006-07 season. Mrs. Jackson asked for suggestions for shows and thanked the public for welcoming the Theatre to the community. There was some feedback from the public that the Saturday night shows were better than the matinees.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Mr. Rogers reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Stone City 5K Race to be held on Saturday, June 16. He reported that there was a new race course for the 5K that included a 1-mile Fun Walk. He asked the public for their support.

Mrs. Patty Drodofsky, Public Relations Coordinator for the Foundation, reported on the Summer Classic Film Series, while the Board and public reviewed a schedule of movies to be shown on Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Wagnalls Auditorium. The series opens on June 22 with a special presentation of a Wizard of Oz Sing-along and ends on August 17 with a Grease Sing-along. She asked for volunteers to help during the movies.

Ms. Gruber reported on a Women's Wellness Day to be held Saturday, July 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Jennings reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf for Scholarships Outing to be held Sunday, September 16 at the Pine Hill Golf Course. Chairman Wynkoop acknowledged Pine Hill for treating Wagnalls so good. Mr. Rogers informed the public that they could sponsor a hole for \$150.00 or be a corporate sponsor for \$2,500.00.

**SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION:**

Chairman Wynkoop presented information on the Scholarship selection process and thanked Bonnie Mills and Thane Hecox for serving on the Scholarship Committee. He then asked Mr. Dick Weiser, who funded the A. B. & Hazel Weiser Scholarship, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Noll, who funded the Justin & Pauline Lamb Scholarship, to come forward and be recognized. He then asked the recipients of the 2007/08 Mabel Wagnalls Jones Scholarships, Trevor C. Allen, Taylor L. MacDonald, Sarah C. Queen, and Elizabeth A. Allen, to come forward and be acknowledged. Then he asked Brian A. Miller, recipient of the Justin & Pauline Lamb Scholarship, and Chelsea L. Toler, recipient of the A. B. & Hazel Weiser Scholarship, to come forward and be acknowledged. The recipient of the Charles V. Moore Scholarship, Elizabeth E. Freshley, was not present. David R. Kasler was the only recipient of the Harry A. Ward and Muriel Dunn Ward Scholarship who was present to be acknowledged.

After this recognition, Chairman Wynkoop asked for any questions or comments from the public. Mr. Weiser complimented the Board with the selection of Ms. Gruber as Executive Director and stated that she was going to turn Wagnalls around. Chairman Wynkoop commended Ms. Gruber and all the staff for their hard work especially since they work more hours than they are compensated for. He stated that Wagnalls has a good core of volunteers but could always use more. He then commended the Board Members for their service.

With that, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. and the public and Board enjoyed refreshments.

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Sandra K. Hall, Recording Secretary

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David L. Wynkoop, Chairman

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Carl C. Heister, Secretary/Treasurer