

Barnet Public Library

Minutes of the Board of Trustees

November 19, 2014

In Attendance: Sheri Colby Schenck, Sarah Walls, Julie Roos, Alan Boye, Heather Counter, Dylan Ford

Alan handed over secretary duties (temporarily) to Julie.

Approved last meetings minutes unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**-see attached, approved unanimously

Municipal Library status update-Attorney Bob Gensburg is looking into writing the legal documents required. There is some concern that the select board does not have the power to ratify this process and so must be voted on at town meeting. The Vermont State librarian attorney, Rob Geisler, does feel that the select board has this power. Bob will get back to Heather in a week to determine if we need to have this matter addressed at Town Meeting. In the meantime Heather will contact Ben to see what the next steps are so that we get all the necessary information to the select board by the end of the year.

Budget for next fiscal year. The board has voted to level fund the library this year.

The Barnet Library Board of Trustees requests a town appropriation of \$25,000 for 2015. This request is to provide wages, book purchases, funding for special events, and to maintain our other services to the community.

This letter will be sent to the town clerk.

### **Librarian's Report**

Trunk or Treat- was a huge success. Well done Dylan and Sherry! Approximately 250 children participated. Trunks were great. Luminaries helped with lighting.

Winter Book Bingo – requested by the school for reading encouragement over the winter holidays. Goes out tomorrow.

Summer reading program theme is "Everyone is a Hero". Dylan plans to focus on local heroes. Planning a Barnet Remembers event for adults in addition to programming for children.

Coffee Hour attendance has declined. Dylan will determine whether to continue the program.

Holiday Hours to be determined by Dylan and Sherry, they will let the board know what they decide.

## **Old Business**

Art at the Library- Two events upcoming....Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Wreath Making –class is full. December 10<sup>th</sup> woodcarving class has one spot left. Ideas for the upcoming months are January needle felting birds with Sheri Colby Schenck, Joyce Evans has offered to do a scrapbooking class and March we are hoping to have another Ukrainian Egg dyeing class. Sarah also suggested a winter nature photography, hike, snowshoe gathering

Building Renovations-Slow progress has been made toward getting some repairs done. Clapboards have been replaced on the front. New issues with the front door have emerged. Still need to contact the select board for discussion about the bathroom and rear steps. Unanimously voted to use \$1000 of library building fund for renovations to the bathroom. Sheri will write a letter and present it at the next select board meeting.

Policies and Bylaws- tabled until next meeting.

## **New Business**

Fundraising- We are planning to have some Barnet Library items for sale and are also looking into other fundraising options for the library including a Dove chocolate party. More discussion at next meeting.

Next meeting.....December ?