

## DRAFT – MINUTES

### Barnet Public Library - Board of Trustees Meeting - October 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

#### In Attendance

Linda Cochrane, Dylan Ford, Laura Goldberg, Julie Roos, Jackie Verley and Sue Wood.

#### Agenda

No additions or deletions were made.

#### Approval of Past Minutes

The minutes from the board meetings in June, August and September 2022 were approved.

#### Board Chair Report

New board chairperson, Jackie Verley, approved unanimously to replace Julie Roos after Town Meeting March 2023.

#### Treasurer's Report

- \$32,792.15 in Passumpsic checking account. \$107,973.22 in Edward Jones investment account.
- Julie and Jackie will be meeting with the Edward Jones representative to introduce him to Jackie as the new board chair, and to change the library credit card to Jackie's name.
- Money needs to be added to the budget to cover costs of inflation. Sue will have a draft budget prepared for the November meeting.
- Treasurer's report is approved with removal of Miscellaneous line, correction of ARPA Expenditures line to Actual of \$1,832.

#### Librarian's Report

- Dylan has completed all grant closeouts.
- Library attendance has been everything from busy to quiet, with 2 new Barnet families attending regularly as well as a good number of children on Saturdays, as well as our regulars.
- Dylan reported on the Vermont Fairytale Festival held [DATE?] at the beautiful Sherburne Library in Killington. Approximately 30 libraries were represented with 850 people attending! Dylan's presentation was on Jack and the Beanstalk. It was a well-organized, vibrant event with storytelling, music and engaging, creative exhibits.
- Next event is Trunk or Treat, scheduled for October 31st at Barnet School. So far 12 trunks have signed up, and historically more have come without prior notice.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Art at the Library:** Linda Cochrane has taken this over from Becky Boardman. Several classes have already been scheduled, and others are potential/pending.

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| --Wendy McKenzie, Everlasting Herb Farm. All-natural hand cream.         | 10/27/22 |
| --Becky Boardman. Paper art.   | 11/30/22 |
| --Annette Hyder. Wreath making.  | 12/7/22  |
| --Sherry Colby-Schenk. Needle felting.                                   | 1/26/23  |
| --Jennifer Barlow. Photography.  |          |
| --Ashley Wright. Embroidery.   |          |
| --_____. Ski Prep.   |          |
| --Janet Hartson. Shamanism, Reiki, bee sting therapy.                    |          |
| --Evan Perkins, Small Axe Farm. Wood carving.                            |          |
| --Mary & Eric Skovsted, Joe's Brook Farm. Seed starting (in the winter). |          |

**Annual Appeal letter:**

The board reviewed letters from the first and second annual appeals (2019 and 2021). Agreed that next letter should have photos in color.

Bulleted lists need to be updated:

What the library has done in the past year:

Grant purchases of new books, including the Diversity & Inclusion collection, ordered through Boxcar & Caboose (which gave us a 25% discount!), as well as loanable items (check out more than books!) such as pop-up tents, folding tables, snowshoes, a document scanner and an outside projector and screen.

Upgraded Internet service, cocoa bar, doughnut days, Valentine cards

Events from past year include Summer Reading (Oceans of Possibility), Modern Times, lamb and strawberry story hours, Hands on History Day.

Art in the Library classes.

Plans for future projects and classes:

One major project goal for coming year: Update overhead lighting of library interior [funds could come from investment account],..with energy efficient, reader-friendly lights

Julie and Jackie will work on updating the text, then e-mail a rough draft to the board for review/edits. The new letter will then go to the printers for pricing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**Next Meeting**

November 10, 2022 at 7pm

Laura Goldberg  
Acting Secretary