

DRAFT – MINUTES

Barnet Public Library - Board of Trustees Meeting – January 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

In Attendance

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

Addition to Agenda

A candidate for the position of temporary/weekend librarian's assistant attended the first 20 minutes of the meeting to meet and be interviewed by the board. Her name is Ivy Pavik; she is a junior at St. Johnsbury Academy. Ivy's family is new to Barnet. She is available to work Saturdays through the school year and probably over the summer as well. She is particularly interested in children's activities such as story hour and crafts. She currently works at the St. Johnsbury School afterschool program and has worked as a camp counselor the past few summers.

After Ivy left there was a discussion and universal approval of accepting her for the position of Saturday librarian's assistant. Wage will be \$16.00/hour. There will be a probationary period of 3 months.

Dylan will cultivate a group of substitutes to back up Ivy on Saturdays during story hours/crafts, and so that Dylan has more ability to be away from the library on Saturdays herself.

Approval of Past Minutes

This was postponed as the November minutes had not yet been disseminated to the board. Edits will be made per discussion, and the draft will be reviewed and approved via a special board meeting in the near future.

Board Chair Report

No report. Julie Roos has been on the board for 10 years; the February 2023 meeting will be her last. We thank her for her service and her leadership.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the treasurer's report with budget for 2023 as of 12/31/22 were distributed. Noted that the 2022 Annual Appeal letter raised approximately \$4200, the highest amount raised during an annual appeal.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the 2023 budget was made and carried unanimously

Librarian's Report

Dylan presented the Barnet Public Library Librarian's Report for 2022, which will appear in the Town Meeting report.

She also presented a waiver form for borrowing the library snowshoes, entitled "BPL Snowshoe Lending Program And Policy."

The Vermont Department of Health has asked the library to dispense radon kits.

The West Barnet Grange cribbage club has requested to meet in the library during the winter on Tuesday evenings. The Grange building has no heat. It was agreed to allow this group to meet at the library. Dylan will inform them.

There will be a Bring Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, 2/4/23. Valentine-making and a cocoa bar are planned.

The library received the Association for Rural & Small Libraries grant of \$8,000 for indoor lighting upgrades! Ian Ash will be coming in February to put together an estimate for this project.

The Barnet volunteer fire department desperately needs more firefighters. The long-time members, including the fire chief Ron Morse, are at an age where they want to retire, and there are only 5 younger volunteers at present. Dylan proposed having an event at the fire station on Bimson Drive to raise awareness and interest. One idea is to use this opportunity as a kickoff for the summer reading program, "All Together Now." We feel that this is in keeping with the library's mission to build community.

Old Business

1. Art at the Library – Linda Cochrane

1/26/23: Needle Felted Hearstrings with Sheri Colby-Schenk

2/23/23: Ashley Wright will do a succulent embroidery class

March class on papermaking has been canceled. Linda is looking for someone to fill this slot.

2. Annual Appeal. As above, \$4200 was raised with the annual appeal letter, the largest amount ever.

Donations of over \$100 will receive a tax-deductible thank you card.

Board members will get together and share writing of thank you notes and preparing them for mailing. Julie will schedule this after eliciting a date by e-mail to board members.

New Business

Linda is to get permission to post Art in the Library activities on Facebook.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully,

Laura Goldberg, acting secretary