

## APPROVED

### BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – March 9, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

**In attendance:** Linda Cochrane, Dylan Ford, Laura Goldberg, , Becca Pedersen, Jackie Verley and Sue Wood.

#### **Agenda:**

No additions or deletions were made to tonight's agenda.

**Board Roles:** As of this meeting.

Board Chair – Jackie Verley

Vice Chair – Becca Pedersen

Treasurer – Sue Wood

Art at the Library – Linda Cochrane

Secretary – Laura Goldberg

A motion was made to approve these roles and seconded. Roles were approved unanimously.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from 2/9/2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

#### **Board Chair Report:**

##### **Treasurer's Report:**

Printout of budget was presented to all members.

There was discussion of the increased cost of interlibrary loan (averaging \$4.15 each request).

The option of using the courier service versus the U.S. Post Office was discussed and rejected due to the annual cost.

The North Star Monthly is usually donated each year. It costs just \$20 per year, and it was agreed that if it is not donated for this year the library will purchase it, as it is an important local publication and will, if necessary, be put into the budget.

The budget was approved as submitted.

##### **Librarian's Report:**

Dylan has been working on the library's annual report.

The Summer Reading grant has been completed.

The Scholastic gift card application is in process, but the order has not been placed yet.

Dylan still has radon kits available to library patrons.

There are also free gun locks which have been donated and which are available for library patrons.

Dylan gave an update on the new library assistant, Ivy Pavik. Dylan plans to check in with Ivy to get her feedback on the position. Discussion ensued.

##### **Art at the Library Update:**

March: Mud Season themed open house has been advertised for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00-7:30 pm.

Spreadsheet of tasks to be done and board members volunteering to do each task was shared.

April: Ashley Wright will do her rescheduled embroidery class (February was canceled)

May: This is in development. The plan is to approach Adair Mulligan of the New Hampshire Humanities Council and the Connecticut River Joint Commission. She is recommended by Bill

Graves, who has heard her speak. She offers a choice of 5 or 6 presentations. Another option is a presentation by a retired archaeologist. The May program could be held at the village church if many people express interest; Linda could have potential attendees RSVP and decide on venue change to larger space if there is enough interest to require a larger space than the library can offer.

June/July/August: Traditionally there are no Art at the Library events scheduled in the summer. However, the planned class on mushroom cultivation will be the Summer Reading event, date and time to be determined.

### **New Business:**

Thank you cards for annual appeal donations: Dylan has completed and mailed thank you notes to all donors contributing >\$100 to the annual appeal. Jackie divided up the remaining donor names, amounts and addresses and handed out packets with note cards, envelopes, stamps and the lists with 4 donors each. Each board member will be responsible for 4 thank you notes.

### Open House – tribute to Julie Roos:

Dylan is going to think of some ‘anecdotes’ from Julie’s time as library board chair. She will also speak about changes in the activity/role of the library board and how it has changed dramatically during Julie’s leadership. There have been capital and facility improvements; the library became a truly municipal library; it went from one annual board meeting to monthly meetings 10 months in the year; bylaws have been rewritten; the board now does fundraising. Jackie will do a write-up of these changes, and Dylan will share a story about Julie at the open house at around 6:30.

Parking for the open house: All of the usual places along Church Street once the small library parking area is filled.

Dylan will bring cups for the dessert and hot drink cups. Laura will bring maple sugar for dessert on 3/18 so it can be included in the recipe.

Clean-up day prior to open house: Saturday 3/18/2023 from 2:30 to 3. This will mostly involve tidying up, vacuuming, and cleaning the bathroom and children’s room sink.

Recycling: Board members will begin taking papers and discarded books to the transfer station once a month. Please text Dylan when it is your turn so she can prepare materials to be recycled to be picked up. Laura will take recycling on 3/11/2023.

### **Old/Continuing Business:**

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Next meeting will be on April 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, with the exceptions of December and July.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Goldberg, Secretary