

APPROVED

BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – April 13, 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.

Minutes of the 3/9/2023 meeting were approved.

Board Chair Report:

Jackie attended a webinar by the Department of Libraries which reviewed core responsibilities of library trustees and library directors, as well as resources for local libraries. Jackie will forward the slides from the presentation to all board members, and she will join the listserv to keep informed of future trainings. These are all available on-line now, so any board member may attend.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of this month's budget were distributed. No comments from Sue Wood. The report was approved by motion and second.

Librarian's Report:

Dylan completed and submitted the BPL Annual Report, which was approved by Jackie.

We did get the Summer Reading grant.

Dylan has spent the \$5,000 Scholastic gift card. A large book order will be arriving soon, with many new and diverse children's and young adult books. In order to make room for the new books, culled books will go to either various Little Free Libraries in the area, and the rest to the recycling center.

The annual Easter egg hunt was well attended, with approximately 20 children participating.

This year's Lambing Story Hour will be on April 22, following the great success of last year's event.

The May event will be the mushroom cultivation class/workshop. There was discussion of the possibility of a community mushroom bed located in the shady area on the right side of the library building.

The Summer Reading kickoff event will be on **June 17th** at the Barnet Fire Department. In return for the fire department hosting this event, Dylan will help with Barnet's participation in the statewide "Operation Mayday" – an open house to publicize and increase interest in more people becoming volunteer firefighters. There is a serious shortage of fire volunteers in the state, and in Barnet as well.

There will be one more Summer Reading event, to be determined.

Modern Times Theater will again perform at the McIndoes Community Center; McIndoes will be paying for that.

The summer season will close with the Vermont Fairly Tale Festival on September 17th.

Art in the Library Update:

April 27th: Ashley Wright, embroidery. Jackie volunteered to be there to open and close the library, put fee money in the librarian's desk, as Linda has another commitment that day.

May 23rd: Adair Mulligan of the Connecticut River Joint Commission has committed to doing a presentation at the Barnet Meeting House (previously the Barnet Village Church). This event is by donation.

June (date to be determined): Laurajeane Stewart has offered to do a class on Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging). This is a repeat of a class she did in 2017. Attendees will need to bring low vessels, not tall vases, for this style of flower arrangement.

Old Business:

Open house debrief – This 3/23 event was well-attended and lively, attracting a wide range of ages and of attendee's relationship to the BPL. It was well-organized; Dylan expressed her appreciation for how much prep board members did so that she did not have a lot to do. Julie enjoyed the tribute and the social gathering. There is discussion of making an open house an annual event, to do during mud season, perhaps with sugar on snow courtesy of Chris Goss (if weather permits!).

New Business:

Saturday library coverage – There was discussion of having board members cover Saturday library hours in two shifts (10-12 and 12-2), perhaps once a month, both to experience the library from the position of the librarian, and also to give Dylan a chance to take some Saturdays off for personal pursuits. The first Saturday of this new initiative, May 13th, will be covered by Jackie from 10-12 and Linda from 12-2.

Recycling – This is also a task being taken on by board members, lightening the load on Dylan. Laura took recycling to the dump in April. There will be more books to take in May; Dylan will let the board know which Saturday in May these will be ready to go.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Next meeting will be on May 11, 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