

## APPROVED

### BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – August 10, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

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

**Agenda:**

Addition to tonight's agenda: Vacuum cleaner needs replacing.

Minutes of the 6/8/23 meeting were approved.

**Board Chair Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

This month's budget was submitted to the board and approved.

**Librarian's Report:**

The library has been very busy so far this summer, particularly with all the rainy weather. There were many Internet users, so the higher speed is appreciated. The Consolidated speed has been adequate for now, but will probably need to be upgraded in the next year.

The Modern Times puppet show in McIndoes was well-attended. Crafternoons were not. Summer Reading program had only about a dozen participants, including some adults.

Several teens have been at the library, working with children, assisting with culling books and bar coding. This has brought a new energy and much-needed help to the library!

The Fairy Tale Festival is coming up in September. BPL will have \$600 in grants to use for this event.

*See New Business below.*

**Art at the Library Update:**

Linda broached the idea of having separate classes for adults and kids where appropriate. Some teachers are comfortable having children in their craft classes and some are not; some would present their craft in different ways to adults or children. Discussion followed. Dylan proposed having just a few special kids' craft classes, activities that would not be available at school, intermittently through the year, perhaps related to holidays.

Future programs:

- Cellar holes (with Ryegate and Peacham libraries). Adair Mulligan, speaker. This is a definite program.
- Mosaics. This is a maybe.
- Kathleen Monroe – She wrote a history of Barnet. This is a maybe.

**Review of Policies and Procedures:**

Procedure for Reconsideration of Materials: The board reviewed Becca Pedersen's suggested edits of this section. There was discussion of changes to be made to make the procedure clearer. A final version will be reviewed and motion to approve will be made at the September 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Computer and Internet Use: This was approved as it is in the 5/19/2015 revision.

Wireless Access Policy. This was approved as it is in the 5/19/2015 revision.

**New Business:**

The McIndoes Library will be closing, per decision of the McIndoes Academy board of directors and with the agreement of Dylan Ford, librarian. Renovations require that a large portion of the books be removed. This means that the Town of Barnet will have one librarian, with Dylan Ford continuing as Library Director. The impending closure of the McIndoes Library (possibly as soon as October of this year) has caused the Library Director to reconsider her job demands and how she perceives her need for assistants.

1. Dylan will need more hours to devote to the work of rehoming the McIndoes collection, as well as increased tasks at the Barnet Library. She will come back to the Board at a later date with the number of additional hours she feels will be needed.
2. Dylan has not found the "right" person for the library assistant job despite the job being posted for the past 2 years. She would like to table the assistant position for the time being. The Board okayed this decision unanimously.
3. Dylan would like to develop a list of reliable substitutes instead of looking for an assistant. This can include high school students, retirees and library patrons. Dylan emphasized how helpful it has been to have teens working with her on Saturdays.
4. There was discussion of appropriate wages for substitutes. Consideration is being given to paying Vermont minimum wage (currently \$13.18 per hour) plus \$1.00 per hour.

Library vacuum: The current vacuum is barely functioning. The board unanimously okayed Dylan going to Wal-Mart and purchasing a new vacuum cleaner.

Extra Saturdays when coverage is needed: Dylan needs substitutes for two Saturdays in September, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup>. Jackie and Linda volunteered to cover the desk on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Trash to transfer station: Jackie will take the trash on 8/12.

Books to transfer station: There will be many books going to the recycling center over the next several months as Dylan continues to cull at the main library, as well as at the McIndoes Library, where only a small portion of their current collection will be retained for a "coffee corner." Board members will volunteer to take boxes of books to the transfer station as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Next meeting will be on September 14, 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