

APPROVED

BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – October 19, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.

In attendance: 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 September 14 meeting were approved.

Board Chair Report: None given.

Treasurer's Report:

This month's budget status sheet was distributed. Dylan had spoken with the town clerk about the prior month's Miscellaneous line item of \$750; this represented the unrectified amount of the credit card bill at that time. The procedure is for the librarian to review each credit card statement and report details to the town clerk, who then distributes the appropriate amounts from Miscellaneous to the appropriate line items (books, etc.). Thus there is no Miscellaneous category listed in the current budget.

The budget was unanimously approved.

Librarian's Report:

- The library has received a donation of \$3,000 from Sue Roberts. A thank you card was signed by everyone present at the meeting.
- Ron Langley's family have requested donations in Ron's memory go to the library. Ron was a voracious reader.
- Dylan needs more trunks for Trunk or Treat.
- The McIndoes library is now closed, although there are still books to dispose of.
- Dylan is planning to stream some of this season's Snapshot Series from the Vermont Humanities Council here at the library so people can watch them here as a group and discuss afterwards. The series runs until just before Christmas.
- Student assistants are helping out - one on Saturdays and there will be another student running a Dungeon and Dragons get-together on Sunday afternoons.
- Added librarian hours: Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

Art at the Library Update:

Becca showed designs for a poster and an Instagram post publicizing the upcoming Wreath Making Workshop on November 28th.

Annual Appeal:

- A first draft of the annual appeal letter was revised by all members present, resulting in a near-final version. Additional photographs are needed; these are to be e-mailed to either Jackie or Becca.
- The letter recipient list needs updating; Dylan will initiate this. We anticipate preparing appeal letters for mailing in November.

New Business:

- “New(ish) to the NEK.” This is the tentative title for a proposed “meet and greet” event for younger people new to the area. Becca and David Pedersen have offered to help host this event at the library.
- Library mission statement update: Postponed to November meeting.
- Mobile shelving: Becca and Jackie researched options, the best being shelving from Demco. Photos of shelving units were viewed and discussed. Next step is to see if Demco will sell us one unit so that we can test its stability and mobility here in the children’s room of the library before committing to purchasing the 8 units needed to replace the current static shelving. A motion was passed unanimously to purchase a single unit in the lighter-colored wood tone.

Old Business:

- Fencing behind library: The town will do this in the spring.
- Trash/recycling to transfer station: Dylan said that any cardboard boxes on the porch are ready to go.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Next meeting will be on November 9, 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