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BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – January 11, 2024

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 11/9/23 and 12/4/23 meetings were approved.

Board Chair Report:

New shelving update: The mobile shelving is currently scheduled to be shipped 2/21/24. Discussion ensued.

Treasurer's Report:

Sue Wood distributed the end-of-year report, which included the proposed 2024 itemized budget. Discussion ensued.

With discussed changes, the 2024 budget was approved by the Board unanimously. Sue Wood will send a copy of the adjusted 2024 proposed budget to the Town Clerk.

Librarian's Report:

- The library has been busy!
- Dylan finished the library's annual report for the Town Meeting booklet; she shared copies with the board and asked for feedback/corrections. No changes made.
- Dylan also completed the grant write up for the Association for Rural Libraries for our new interior lighting.
- Our audiobook/e-book service, Libby by Overdrive, is offering a language learning program, Mango Languages, for an additional subscription cost of \$336. The board decided that this service was not worthwhile for our library.

Art at the Library Update:

- There are just 3 spots left in the paper art workshop being offered on January 23rd.
- New(ish) to the NEK: Tentative date will be February 17th at 5:30.
- March "Mud Season" open house: Proposed date for this is Saturday, March 30th. There will be a meeting at 6:00 pm, prior to the February 8th library board meeting, for the purpose of planning the open house.

New Business:

- A proposal was introduced to start a "Board Picks" display of recommendations, similar to the "Staff Picks" sections in bookstores.
- Linda Cochrane's term on the board ends at Town Meeting in March. She would like to remain on the board, starting a new term of her own. Jackie noted that someone from the Board will need to be available at Town Meeting to nominate her.

Old/Ongoing Business:

- Annual Appeal: Donor thank-you notes were divided among Board members to complete and mail.
- Mission statement review was moved ahead to the February 8th board meeting.
- Annual review of bylaws. Discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

The next meeting will be on February 8th, 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