

APPROVED

BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – 2/8/2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Agenda:

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

Minutes of the 1/11/24 meeting were approved.

Board Chair Report:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

None; treasurer absent.

Librarian's Report:

- 1) Expanded hours have begun.
- 2) Upcoming event: Jerry Schneider, developer of The Butterfly Game, will give a 40-minute presentation at the library from 11 to 1 o'clock on Tuesday April 23rd. Topic: The Wonderful World of Bats! He will be crafting bat T-shirts with the kids. Cost to library: \$150. This event is posted on the BPL website.
- 3) Dylan has printed updated BPL bookmarks.
- 4) Flyers for story hour and Wednesday afternoon games have been sent to Barnet School to go into Friday folders.
- 5) CLOVER is the Interlibrary loan network used by the Department of Libraries. This will potentially increase postage but will not increase employee hours as Dylan plans to have her Student Assistant complete them on Saturdays.
- 6) PALACE is a program free to VT libraries that add the DOL collection of e/audiobooks to our Libby collection. Dylan will decide if the change in format will be utilized enough to pursue.
- 7) We have 500 pairs of eclipse glasses available to distribute to patrons. We can also hand some out at Town Meeting.
- 8) Dylan will be doing Narcan training; this free training is now available to all librarians.
- 9) Seed exchange: This is already done at the Danville and Peacham libraries. Dylan is open to this happening at the BPL, with someone else taking the lead.
- 10) Resource Mate, our bar coding service, has added a Web-based option with acronym OPAC. For a \$200 per year subscription, it would allow library patrons to search our catalog from home.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve spending \$200 on the annual fee for OPAC.

- 11) Dylan suggested adding a Bingo night to library evening programming, as well as possibly a cribbage night.
- 12) Mobile shelving: The new shelving is due to arrive on Monday, February 12th, earlier than expected. Bill Graves will arrange for removal of the current shelving. The old shelving will remain in use in Barnet.

Art at the Library Update:

- There is no Art at the Library program in February.
- It was recommended that we post/print a list of monthly events (November through May) in advance, even if the precise dates are not yet known – library patrons have asked about future classes.
- Suggestion was made to have a "Robbie Burns Night" next year, considering Barnet's founder's Scottish heritage.

Monthly Tasks:

1. Review Library Mission Statement: The board decided to postpone further discussion of updating the mission statement until the March meeting.
2. User Access and Confidentiality Policy discussion will continue in March.

3. Choice and Consent Policy was reviewed.

New Business:

- Barnet Library will provide space for Constituent Coffee Hour. Discussion ensued. It was decided by motion to approve this request and to offer a time slot of 12-1pm. Coordination of the date will happen with Dylan.
- Strategic Plan: The BPL does not have a strategic plan. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be useful to have one. Jackie and Becca volunteered to do the preliminary work of researching the process other libraries have followed in developing their strategic plans. The full board will take up this topic at a later date.

Old/Continuing Business:

- 1) New(ish) to the NEK. This event is being postponed. The plan is to revisit this at a future meeting.
- 2) Review of Board Bylaws: Discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm

The next meeting will be on 3/14/24 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