

APPROVED

BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – 3/14/2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

In attendance: Linda Cochran, 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 2/8/24 meeting were approved.

Board Chair Report:

The board will focus on completing a full review of policies and bylaws and reassess the idea of creating a strategic plan at a later date.

Treasurer's Report:

\$10,372.56 listed under Expenses—Facilities represents 2023 money which was spent in 2024 on the new mobile shelving units for the children's room. This money was moved to the library checking account from the Edward Jones account for this purpose.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

- 1) The library has been on CLOVER for 3 weeks now.
- 2) Since the mobile shelving has been installed there has been increased interest in use of the library's space.
 - One example is the cribbage club, which would like to conduct lessons here
 - Another interested party is Karme Choling, which would like to use our space for meditation workshops. The first one is scheduled for Sunday April 14th at 1:00 pm: "What is Meditation."
- 3) Summer Reading: This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library. Plans include campouts on the library lawn, hiking, outdoor movies and a treasure hunt with a map.
- 4) Dylan is planning Wednesday activities for kids. The first will be on March 27th from 3 to 4:30: "Cooking With Waffle Irons."

Art at the Library Update:

- April 30th: "Getting Your Child Ready for Preschool/Kindergarten." This presentation will be by Lydia Cochran, co-principal of level K-3 at the St. Johnsbury School.
- May: Making and Flying Kites. This will be by Derek Samuels and will take place at the McIndoes Academy field.

New Business:

None.

Old/Continuing Business:

Review of library mission statement and policies:

- The new option for the mission statement was reviewed and discussed:

The Barnet Public Library is the living room of the community serving as a common ground where all are welcome. The library promotes reading, literacy and community engagement in a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in Barnet and beyond.

- o A motion was made to implement this change, and it was passed unanimously.
- The following change was made to the User Access Policy: Patrons may be asked to provide identification and may be asked to view or update their personal information in person.
 - o A motion was made to implement this change, and it was passed unanimously.
- The following change was made to the Compliance with the Law/Confidentiality Policy: A parent or guardian must have the written or verbal permission from a child age 16 or older who has a library account to request and receive that child's circulation records.

- o A motion was made to implement this change, and it was passed unanimously.
- The following changes were made to the General Considerations Policy:
 - o Other Days as Needed, at the discretion of the Library Director.
 - o Parents may be asked to sign registration forms and be responsible for material signed out for children under the age of 16.
 - o Materials may be renewed by telephone or e-mail.
 - o Trustees are elected each year at Town Meeting to serve a 5 year term
 - A motion was made to implement these changes, and it was passed unanimously.
- A motion was made to keep the current Officer Roles in place for the next year. The motion passed unanimously.
- Review of Bylaws: The board discussed an amendment to the Membership bylaw:

I. MEMBERSHIP

A. There shall be five (5) Trustees. One Trustee shall be elected each year at Town Meeting to serve a term of five years.

A motion was made to implement this change. The motion was approved by the board unanimously.

New Business:

The Board unanimously approved an extra \$50 for OPAC setup costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm

Next meeting will be on 4/11/24 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