

APPROVED

BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – 4/11/2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 3/7/24 meeting were approved.

Board Chair Report:

Jackie expressed her appreciation to all board members for their work in organizing and presenting the Open House on March 30. Suggestions were made for future open houses:

- Schedule it earlier, not right at dinnertime, which is a busy time for families with children.
- Consider holding it on a weekday instead of the weekend.
- Tie the open house in with something else, such as with a Barnet "job fair." This would be an opportunity for organizations in town that use volunteers to send representatives who can then "network," introducing their organization to potential volunteers.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer reported no significant changes in this month's report.

Librarian commented that due to requests for BPL books from other libraries via CLOVER, expenses for mailing interlibrary loans have increased; she is receiving at least two requests per day. She expects that our allocation of \$300 for ILLs will not be enough to cover mailing expenses. We may need to consider ways of restricting access. She raised the possibility of using the Donations box income to help cover ILL costs.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

April has been busy thus far, and will continue to be so!

- The first afterschool event, "Cooking With Waffle Irons," was very successful with high attendance. Dylan will choose an afternoon in May for the next afterschool event.
- The Dam Committee met with the State of Vermont here today, 4/11.
- Introduction to Meditation will take place here on Sunday, 4/14.
- "The Wonderful World of Bats" presentation will be at the library on 4/23.
- Lambing Story Hour is scheduled for 4/27.
- "Meet the Principal" will happen here on 4/30.
- The Barnet Democratic caucus will meet here on 4/20

Dylan would like to have more outside groups organize events that they will hold here at the library. This will relieve pressure on library staff to be responsible for preparations for all events taking place in library space.

Summer Reading: The theme is "Adventures Begin at Your Library." Anticipated activities to include:

- Campout on library lawn
- Hike up Devil's Hill, Groton State Forest
- Possible Connecticut River canoe trip
- Treasure hunt

Art at the Library Update: Linda Cochrane was absent.

- April 30th: "Getting Your Child Ready for Preschool/Kindergarten." This presentation will be by Lydia Cochrane, co-principal of level K-3 at the St. Johnsbury School and Luisa Millington, principal at Barnet School.
- May 7th: Making and Flying Kites. This will be by Derek Samuels and will take place at the McIndoes Academy playing field.

Continuing Business: Continued review of Library Policies & Procedures.

#5: Rules of Conduct. The following changes were made:

Elimination of bullet 2b, "Using cell phones only in the Library entryway or on the grounds." We now allow use of cell phones within the library as long as that use is not disruptive or bothersome to other patrons.

Elimination of bullet 2e, "Bringing only service animals, or animals used as part of a program into the library." We now allow accompanied pets into the library. This line will now read, "*Pets are allowed in the Library provided they are friendly and nonthreatening.*"

A motion was made to approve the above changes, and these were approved unanimously.

#6: Children in the Library. Reviewed; no changes were made.

New Business:

A draft of a Paid Time Off (PTO) policy was reviewed. This is to be added to the Library Policies & Procedures. A motion was made to adopt this new PTO policy with changes as discussed; this was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm

Next meeting will be on 5/9/24 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