

APPROVED

BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – 5/9/2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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.

With one edit, minutes of the 4/11/24 meeting were approved.

Board Chair Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: The budget for May was distributed. No comments offered by treasurer and no discussion. The treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

- The library has been busy this past month, with a considerable amount of time spent helping patrons with technology. Dylan expressed her sincere appreciation of being able to use substitutes.
- Dylan is applying for a CLIF grant of \$2,000.
- OPAC (the software that would allow our patrons to search for and request books from our collection on-line) will be up and running by June.
- Dungeons & Dragons will be taking a break at the end of May. Dylan will consider retrying this in the summer, experimenting with the format to see what would help attract and retain participants.
- Summer Reading: Grant money has been received. Dylan attended a Youth Services meeting at the Cobleigh Library; this meeting was well-attended by Northeast Kingdom librarians. Summer Reading and other topics were addressed, including a great deal of discussion of how to handle current challenges libraries are facing.
- Dylan described several other possible programs which fit the "adventure" theme of Summer Reading, with the goal of attracting more youth to the library, including:
 - o 802-Reptiles, a company that brings reptiles to schools, libraries and more to educate children of all ages about these exotic animals.
 - o For future years: The Arts Bus – a mobile unit whose mission is "to bring the visual, performing and literary arts to kids where they live."
- Dylan noted that Cobleigh Library's summer reading program receives funding from Passumpsic Savings Bank. We have an account at Passumpsic, and could consider requesting similar funding for our summer programming.

Art at the Library Update:

- Linda reported on the "Getting Your Child Ready for Preschool/Kindergarten" program on April 30th; presenters were Lydia Cochrane, co-principal of K-3 at the St. Johnsbury School, and Luisa Millington, principal of Barnet School. Three parents attended. Linda recommended re-doing this presentation in the future with an eye to the parents of next fall's entering class.
- Linda also reported that the May 7th kite-making/flying event was a lot of fun. We should consider trying it again, preceded by expanded publicizing via the Barnet Community Page and Front Porch Forum.
- Linda requested and received contact information for the events coordinator for the McIndoes Academy Community Center. She would like to be in touch with her to coordinate the events schedules of the library and the McIndoes to avoid conflicts/having events on the same day or time.
- Plans for the fall (so far):
 - o A collaboration with the Ryegate Historical Society: a program on bee-keeping!

Monthly Tasks: Board policies #7 and #8 will be left as is for now; we will revisit them next year.

New Business: None.

Old/Continuing Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Next meeting will be on June 13, 2024 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