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BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – 6/13/2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 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 5/9/24 meeting were approved, with two corrections.

Board Chair Report:

On June 3rd, Governor Scott signed into law S.220, An Act Related to Vermont's Public Libraries. This law contains changes to library policies and procedures which had not been updated for some time, as well as a wide variety of other items. A working group composed mostly of librarians provided recommendations for these changes, which include lowering the age at which a library user's records will be considered confidential from 16 to 12 years old.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer distributed copies of this month's budget and had no comments. Corrections were made to typographical errors under Gross Wages, and then the budget report was approved unanimously.

Librarian's Report:

1. We have received the CLIF grant. Dylan has sent a press release to the Caledonian-Record and Seven Days which should appear by next Wednesday. This grant will provide \$2,000 to purchase children's books, and supports connections between BPL and Barnet School.
2. Summer Reading begins on June 15th! A listing of associated events with dates is on the BPL website and the BPL calendar. New this year: A bookmark contest, for adults as well as children.
3. OPAC: This will be done before the next board meeting.
4. The Vermont Department of Libraries offers two streaming services, Kanopy and BiblioPlus. We will continue to consider updates the library would need to make to access these newer offerings.

Art at the Library Update:

There are many possibilities for classes next year. Two potters have just moved to Barnet, and they may be willing to teach a class in the future.

New Business:

1. The basement is stuffed with books! The board agreed to have the library participate in the Mile-Long Yard Sale taking place in West Barnet on July 20th. In order to prepare for this, the board has scheduled two work parties on preceding Saturday afternoons, June 22nd and July 6th, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. to organize the books that will go to the yard sale.
2. Courier Service: Discussion ensued about participating in the Courier Service for ILLs. Our postage costs have increased significantly since February of this year when we began lending out BPL books as ILLs. The cutoff date for signing up for the service this year is soon, July 5th. After discussion, it was agreed that use of the courier service was worth considering, but not immediately. The board will wait and see, after tracking and evaluating the financials until the November budget, whether our ILL costs over the intervening months make the courier service a wise choice.
3. Director Review Process
Jackie condensed an annual evaluation example provided by the Vermont Dept. of Libraries.
 - Dylan will fill out the form no later than August 1st.
 - The board will have a special meeting without Dylan present prior to the regular August board meeting set for Thursday, August 8th to discuss what Dylan has written, and to make comments.

- At the 8/8/24 board meeting – in what will be an executive session, as this pertains to personnel - we will complete the forms with Dylan, adding any goals for the director for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm

Next meeting will be on August 8th, 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