

APPROVED

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

In attendance: Linda Cochrane, Dylan Ford, Laura Goldberg, Jackie Verley and Sue Wood.

Agenda:

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

Minutes of the 6/13/24 meeting were approved.

Board Chair Report: None.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Librarian's Report:

Summer Reading: Many adults are participating in Summer Reading this year. Several planned events/activities were canceled due to flooding. We look forward to rescheduling these as we can.

VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science) will be at the library for a program on Sunday 9/8/24 at 3:00 p.m. This will be advertised through the school, which will be back in session, as well as the usual channels.

CLIF grant: Rollout will begin this fall for the books and events available through this grant.

Major donation: The annual \$1,000 donation from Ray McBride has come in.

History of Barnet: This book has been made available through the library for many years. The board wants to continue this practice. There is a minimum order of 12 copies; there have been 4 requests so far this year. Last year the price was \$60 per book. A motion was passed to have Dylan investigate the cost this year - if it remains at \$60 or below, she will place an order for 12 copies; if the cost is greater than \$60 the board will discuss and make a decision on whether to purchase at the next board meeting.

OPAC: Dylan will try to have these completed by next meeting.

Art at the Library: No updates; Linda is working on contacting several potential presenters.

Monthly Tasks:

Review of Policies & Procedures – Jackie has no recommendations for changes to this month's scheduled policies up for review. The question was raised about how to proceed with the upcoming year's policy review process. Discussion ensued. Since the Vermont Department of Libraries will be putting forth new models for the various policies with updated language as well as content in January 2025, it was decided to look at the entire Policies & Procedures at that time, and then again in late spring.

Annual Appeal: Jackie will start working on the letter content, and bring it to the September board meeting for additional input and review. The goal this year will be to get the annual appeal letter out to patrons and donors earlier in the fall, which will help keep donations from arriving into January of next year. This would make bookkeeping easier for the Town Clerk and the board treasurer.

New Business:

Art donation: The library has been offered a painting by Ukrainian artist Temo Svirely. If we accept the offer, the painting will be purchased for the benefit of Svirely's widow, Iryna Vorokyova, who is currently a refugee from the Russian-Ukrainian war living in Canada. The money from the purchase will allow her to remain in Canada for the winter, instead of returning to Ukraine. The painting will be a beautiful addition to our children's room.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept this generous donation.

T-Shirt fundraiser: The board was in support of Dylan's suggestion that we have Barnet Public Library T-shirts made to be sold as a fundraiser. She knows a local designer and will ask him if he can assist with this project.

Old/Continuing Business:

Mile-Long Yard Sale: The date of the big West Barnet yard sale has been changed to August 17th. Culled books, which have been sorted and boxed by board members, will be offered at the sale by donation.

Library Director Review: This has been rescheduled to September. There will be a special meeting of the library board prior to the September 12 board meeting to discuss review forms filled out by Dylan. Dylan will be present at the 9/12 board meeting to answer questions and participate in discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Next meeting will be on 9/12/24 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