

APPROVED

BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING – 1/9/2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 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.

Minutes of the 12/5/24 meeting were reviewed, and approved with two corrections.

Board Chair Report:

Laura's term on the library board ends in March on Town Meeting Day. Asked if she would like to continue on the board, she replied that she is considering whether or not she wants to do so. If someone else is interested, she may want to step down, citing health reasons.

Treasurer's Report:

The year-end budget status report was reviewed and approved. It was noted that the BPL website payment has not yet appeared in the budget, and that the cost of the OPAC software was over budget due to raises both in the base rate and increase in number of BPL users.

Librarian's Report:

1. January 13th will be the OPAC training day.
2. Dylan is working on the annual library report, which will be included in the Town Meeting brochure.
3. The Summer Reading grant application has been completed.
4. National Seed Swap Day is on January 25th. Emma Ricci will be running a seed swap on that day at the library.
5. The Ryegate Small Animal Hospital has signed the new building use form; their staff party will be at the library.
6. Peace, Love & Kindness Book Challenge: To take place during Valentine's week. Dylan has purchased ten fun pens as prizes for participants.
7. The library's projector and screen have been signed out/loaned a few times; this was a new offering.
8. Karne Choling is signing a shorter, 2-year lease (leases have been 5-7 years in the past. This rental is the responsibility of the town. Karne Choling has been a good tenant; they have been an asset for the town and for the library.

Art at the Library Update:

1. The wreathmaking workshop on 12/4 was very successful and well-attended. The moveable bookcases allowed for the extra space needed for group events.
2. Sheri Schenk will be doing a felting class on January 21st.
3. There will be a game night on February 18th, hosted by Linda Cochrane.
4. An open house will be planned for March, date to be determined. Dylan would like to find someone to provide a sugar-on-snow component to the open house; whoever does this will determine the date and be in charge of that aspect of the event.

5. The board discussed ways that board members and Dylan can have access to the lists of signed-up participants of Art at the Library classes. This can be done via a Google Doc or Excel spreadsheet.

Monthly Tasks:

1. Review of Bylaws: These were last updated on 3/15/24. These were reviewed, and no changes made.
2. Annual Appeal: Each board member will be writing thank-you notes to our donors. Cards, divided donor lists, envelopes and stamps were provided.

New Business:

Assistant librarian position: This has been filled. Ira Wolf has been hired for 6-8 hours per week at a rate of \$18 per hour. He was officially and unanimously voted into this position during this meeting.

Old/Continuing Business:

Not addressed at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Next meeting will be on February 13th 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