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## **Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

**March 13, 2025**

Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

### **In Attendance:**

Dylan Ford, Becca Pedersen, Jackie Verley, Sue Wood, and Hillary Cohen.

### **Agenda:**

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

### **Board Meeting Minutes:**

February and March minutes will be voted on at the April meeting due to board member absences.

### **Board Chair Report:**

None.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer distributed copies of this month's budget and had no comments. The treasurer's report was approved.

### **Librarian's Report:**

- 1) The online catalogue (OPAC) is running. We plan to trial the program for a year or two to see if it is worth continuing to subscribe to. We discussed the potential challenge of getting all patrons their pin numbers. The OPAC algorithms could also help determine what types of books patrons are looking for.
- 2) Dylan joined the Vermont Library Association, and may be presenting at their conference in May with the topic of *Seeding Community Resilience – Growing Generational Community Engagement*.
- 3) Dylan is looking to develop a series of gatherings centered around community, wellness, food, and local economy to help the community feel more connected to each other. This will include cultivating a 'resilience library' of books and other media focused on community and individual sufficiency. She is also working to transition to a more active approach to get more people coming into the library, and getting people together to find commonalities and grow community.
- 4) Barnet and Groton libraries have similar short-term goals, and may be collaborating on upcoming events.

### **Art at the Library Update:**

- 1) On April 19<sup>th</sup> Sheri Schenk will be doing a workshop making felted bird nests (Ages 12+) from 1-2:30 pm.

- 2) On May 20<sup>th</sup> Susan Chandler will be presenting “Identifying the Age of Linens and Textiles” from 7-8pm.

**Monthly Tasks:**

- 1) *Review Compliance with the Law/Confidentiality Policy*
  - a. The policy was updated to comply with the new age requirement. A motion to approve the update was carried unanimously.
- 2) *Review General Considerations Policies*
  - a. No edits were noted.
- 3) *Vote on Officer Roles*

Officer roles were confirmed as follows:

  - Hillary Cohen as Secretary
  - Jackie Verley as Chair
  - Sue Wood as Treasurer
  - Becca Pedersen as Co-Chair
  - Linda Cochran as Art at the Library Officer

**New Business:**

- 1) Library of Things Policy draft was distributed for board members to review before next month’s meeting.

**Old/Continuing Business:**

- 1) The online catalogue was discussed in the Librarian’s Report.
- 2) There were no updates on the T-shirt fundraiser.
- 3) William Graves will be addressing the library railing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Next Meeting will be on April 10, 2025 at 7:00pm. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, with the exceptions of December and July.

Respectfully submitted,

Hillary Cohen, Secretary