

APPROVED

Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

April 10, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

In Attendance:

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

Agenda:

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Board Meeting Minutes:

February and March minutes were reviewed and approved.

Board Chair Report:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer distributed copies of this month's budget. The treasurer's report was approved.

Dylan noted that the library has met 50% of the budget for postage; discussion ensued regarding how to make the best use of the postage budget amid rising postage costs.

Librarian's Report:

- 1) Cribbage Sundays is drawing a small crowd. We discussed putting a flyer at the senior meal site to get the word out to potential participants who may not be on social media or email. There is also the potential to move the meeting time back to Tuesday evenings once the Flood writing workshop has finished.
- 2) Dylan and her sister were accepted into the VLA conference. Dylan feels that she will be representing smaller libraries and their unique strengths and challenges.
- 3) The seed library is anticipated to be up and running before the conference. They are working to get more donations of open pollinated seeds. There is also a potential for a grant from Vermont Humanities.
- 4) We will be hosting Green Up Day on May 3rd from 12-2pm. We are planning to get lunch donations and have crafts for kids. We discussed having a plan to give attendees the ability to drop off the bags at the event.
- 5) Lambing Story Hour will be held on April 26 from 10:30-12 at Maplemont Farm.
- 6) Summer Reading's theme is "Color Our World." There is no IMLS funding this year, which will be reflected in our special event planning. We also discussed putting more emphasis and resources into ongoing programming instead of

- placing extra focus on summer reading, with the intent to be more supportive to a larger percentage of the children of Barnet.
- 7) An individual has requested to use the library meeting room to show a movie that is political in nature. We discussed how the library does not censor who uses the room, but will not advertise the event as it as the library is not hosting it. We also discussed adding a clause in the Meeting Room Policy to clarify that events held in the library do not necessarily reflect the views of the library.
 - 8) An individual has asked to put Barnet Public Library in their will. Discussion ensued regarding what the implications of a donation like this might be. We discussed the potential of hiring a lawyer to craft a document for individuals who are considering this type of donation. Dylan will also contact Vermont League of Cities and Towns to see if they have any templates and/or recommendations moving forward.

Art at the Library Update:

- 1) There are currently seven people are signed up for the April Felted Bird's Nest class.
- 2) Susan Chandler's class "Identifying Ages of Linens and Textiles" will be on May 20th. The class's intent is to help people be able to identify potentially valuable textiles and linens, particularly in estates.

Monthly Tasks:

- 1) *Review Rules of Conduct*
No edits were noted.
- 2) *Review Child in the Library Policy*
No edits were noted.
- 3) *Review Paid Time Off Policy*
No edits were noted.
- 4) *Review goals from most recent Director Review*
We have made progress on the goals that were previously developed. We discussed advertising library events and information in local newspapers as well as on social media and Front Porch Forum.

New Business:

- 1) *Library of Things Policy*
The wording regarding how to return Things was edited. A motion was made and carried to add the Library of Things Policy to the Barnet Public Library policies.

Old/Continuing Business:

- 1) *T shirt fundraiser*
There were no updates. We discussed potentially incorporating T-shirts into the summer reading program.
- 2) *Library railing*
There were no updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next Meeting will be on May 8, 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