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Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

September 10, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

In Attendance:
Linda Cochrane, Hillary Cohen, Dylan Ford, Becca Pedersen, Ben St. James, and Jackie Verley.

Agenda:
Addition to the agenda included a formal statement of the Edward Jones contact list.

No deletions to the agenda.

Board Meeting Minutes:
August minutes were reviewed and approved.

Board Chair Report:
None.

Treasurer's Report:
The treasurer distributed copies of this month's budget, discussion ensued. The treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

a) Smithsonian exhibit has ended, and moved on to the next library. It was very successful – we had new patrons, school groups, and historical groups visit. Dylan read some of the Spark feedback cards, sharing patron thoughts after seeing the exhibit. The local component of the exhibit was particularly impactful. This exhibit illustrated that any future large projects for the library will require more assistance and hours.
b) Dylan applied for the project grant for the '26-'27 year. Some of the more successful aspects of this year's grant will be continued (ex. chair yoga, herbal classes). New programming will include a share fair where individuals can share and/or find other individuals with specific skills (ex. using social media/navigating AI, knife sharpening, etc). Volunteer organizations looking for help will also attend.
c) We will have a Welcome Back to the Barnet Library end of summer reading event on Sept 16, 3-4:30.
d) Silver Circus will be on Saturday September 12th.
e) Food Fermentation will be on October 1st.

f) "Gone Guys" film could be hosted at the Barnet Library free of cost if we can find an individual to facilitate it.
g) An individual has offered to paint the interior of the library, however, they would need to be lead paint certified.

Art at the Library Update:

a) Antiques roadshow with Matt Stark will be on Fall Festival Day.
b) Annette Hyder will be leading a class on wreath making at the end of November/beginning of December.

Monthly Tasks:

a) Data review (circulation, patron use)
    a. Jackie will put together a document for the board to review at our next meeting.
b) Review Exhibits and Displays Policy
    a. No edits noted.
c) Review Revision of Policies Policy
    a. No edits noted.
d) Annual Appeal tasks
    a. Reviewed letter draft and continued brainstorming letter content and discussed pictures to add.

New Business:

a) New banner
    a. Jackie has started inquiring, she will continue to gather information.
b) Permanent Barnet History Signs
    a. We are starting to price what they might cost, and will wait until annual appeal funds arrive to make further decisions.
c) Assistant Library Position
    a. Dylan will review and edit the job description draft, and then email it to the board for any additional edits before posting.
d) Edward Jones contacts
    a. Motion made for Becca Pedersen, Ben St. James, and Jackie Verley to be officers on the Edward Jones account and for Dylan Ford to be a contact on the account. Motion was seconded, and carried.

Old/Continuing Business:

a) Barnet Public Library and Barnet Historical Society Partnership
    a. No updates.
b) Emergency Response Plan – Draft
    a. No updates.

Action Items:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Next Meeting will be on October 8, 2026 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