

Barrington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes APPROVED
January 17, 2023

Present: Trustees: Susan Gaudiello, chair, Leigh Elliott, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, Robert Drew, Lydia Cupp, Karen Towne. Trustee Alternate Melanie Haley. Library Interim Director Wendy Rowe. Select Board Representative, George Bailey. Resident: Morgan Carter

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Susan Gaudiello.

Minutes: Susan F. made a motion to accept the Dec. 20, 2022 Trustee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Leigh, and the motion passed.
Robert made a motion to accept the Jan. 12, 2023 Trustee Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Karen, and the motion passed. Abstaining from vote due to absence at Special Meeting: Leigh, Susan F. and Lydia.

Donations: Susan F. made a motion to accept the donations of \$1,369 in December, seconded by Lydia, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Susan F. presented an update on the December financial accounts. She also presented the Library financials for the year 2022. She also mentioned that the interest from the 2 cd's will likely cover the monthly library expenditures.
Lydia made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Robert, and the motion passed.

Select Board Report: George Bailey stated that there was not enough money in the Town Fund. Therefore Warrant Articles that are passed requiring funding will be covered by taxes. He also stated that this would be the last Trustee meeting he will attend as he is not filing for re-election.

Friends Report: Lydia reported that the Friends are continuing to discuss hosting a Library Open House with a possible date to coincide with National Library Week in April.

Foundation Update: Susan G. gave a report about Rebecca Butcher's Power Point Presentation on Jan. 12 to the Trustees and Friends about the new library survey results. She also included community input from the Saturday Master Plan meeting. Susan stated that even respondents who don't use the library regularly supported the new library as an important community resource. 50 people indicated that they would like to be a part of the continued discussions. .

*The next level will be a community session with a presentation of the survey and Master Plan results to a broader audience followed by a listening and brainstorming session.

*The Foundation website is being updated and an information letter will be sent out to the Foundation Mailchimp email contacts.

Interim Director's Report: Wendy reported that Alex Kirk, the new Technology and Circulation Assistant, began work Dec. 19, and Lucy Kirby, the new Morning Desk Clerk started on Jan. 12. and their training is going well.

*Mrs. Benincasa's 1st grade exhibit of "What I Love About Barrington" photos and writing is on display and was well received during the January 5th family event.

*The Library Narrative, year end statistics, and financial report can be viewed online.
*Marcotte Flooring completed laying flooring in the foyer and kitchen.
*Monitors and battery back ups were purchased and installed by Back Bay Networking.
John Cafasso and Scott Anderson installed a sliding door in front of the storage/work room.
The custodian did interior painting where needed.
*Patrons can order the book, Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dared, for the March 8 NH Humanities to go program.

Old Business: The Warrant Articles of \$25,000 for the new Library Building, and \$3,000 for Library Technology proposed for the March 14 Municipal Election will be discussed for approval at the Deliberative Session Saturday, Feb. 4th.

New Business:

Personnel Policy Review: Susan F. and Leigh are reviewing the Policy by segments and will present the section on paid days off at the next Trustee meeting.

*All Library Policies will be reviewed before the next meeting. A schedule will be proposed for updating each Policy.

*Trustees Susan Gaudiello and Karolina Bodner are filing for re-election for their 3 year terms at the March 14 Town Election.

*Trustees are asked to search for potential members for new Library Building Committee. Karen reminded Trustees that people should be asked about their willingness to serve before names are brought forward.

Director Search Committee Report: Members Susan G., Susan F., Leigh, and Karen are conducting interviews of the applicants will qualifications who applied.

Public Announcements:

Lydia announced that the Barrington Bloomers will host a Master Gardener at the Library on Wed., Feb.15 at 6:30 addressing the topic Gardening in a Changing Climate.

*Resident Morgan Carter who is running for election to the Select Board in March was given opportunity to state his experience, reasons for running, and answered Trustee questions.

6:47pm Susan F. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert, and the motion passed.

Next BPL Trustee Board Meeting Feb., 21, 2023 at 5:30pm

Minutes recorded by Karolina Bodner, Secretary