

Barrington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes - Approved
April 18, 2023

Present: Trustees: Leigh Elliott, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, Robert Drew, Lydia Cupp, Karen Towne. Trustee Alternate Melanie Haley. Library Director, Liz Bolton.
Absent: Trustee Board Chair, Susan Gaudiello.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Vice Chair, Leigh Elliot. Leigh announced that Melanie will be voting for Susan G.

Minutes: Karen made a motion to accept the 3/21/23 Trustee Meeting Minutes, seconded by Lydia, and the motion passed. Karolina abstained from voting. Susan F. made a motion to accept the 3/25/23 Special Trustee Board Minutes, seconded by Melanie, and the motion passed.

Donations: Susan F. made a motion to accept the March donations of \$1,279.20, seconded by Karen, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Susan gave a report on the March Trustee and Director's financial accounts. Lydia made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Melanie, and the motion passed.

Susan F. made a motion to approve the invoice for payment to SMP for \$6,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund for the Community Listening Session, seconded by Karen, and the motion passed. Three SMP employees participated in the session and facilitated the use of Vision Boards. Photos of the event can be seen on Facebook.

Friends' Report: Lydia reported that the Library Open House on April 15 was a huge success with more than twice the anticipated attendance. The Scavenger Hunt to find Library of Things items was very popular.

*The Library Plant and Book Sale fundraisers will be held June 3 from 8am to 12. Volunteers are needed on Fri., June 2 (2-4) to set up tables and receive donated plants and used yard/garden sale items. Anyone that needs pots or wants help digging up and potting plants to donate should contact Lydia thru the library asap. Volunteers are also needed at the sale and especially 12 for the clean up.

*Books and Blooms fundraiser will be held on June 23 at 5:00 in conjunction with the opening celebrations of the Summer Reading Program. There will be a silent auction for many bouquets made by Friends of the Library, Bloomers garden club, and donations from professional florists.

Foundation Update: Karen announced that she is resigning from the BPL Foundation Board. Susan G. will continue to attend, representing the Trustee Board, and is sending out minutes from the meetings. Foundation Chair Roger Gingrich is working on the application for a large NEH grant due May 17.

*There will be a joint meeting on Tues., May 2 at 5:30 of the Trustees, Foundation

and Friends.

Director's Report: Liz presented her 1st report as Library Director. The Library staff is researching the best Wireless People Counter for purchase.

*Ella Brooks delivered a donated bench made from her recycling plastic high school project.

*Nathan Gray dropped off his donated bench made from collected and recycled bottle caps.

*The staff was given approval to remove the plexi-glass around the circulation desk.

*The April 1st Easter Egg Hunt had over 400 participants and was greatly enjoyed by families.

*Alex, the Library technology coordinator, is experimenting with programs and events to serve teen patrons.

Old Business: Susan Frankel reported that the Personnel Policy Committee is continuing to review each section and aligning policies with the Town when possible.

*Library staff are coordinating with the Town Manager, Conner MacIver and Road Agent, Mark Moreau, to determine a safe relocation of the shed.

New Business:

Election of officers: Robert made a motion to elect the slate of officers to include Susan Gaudiello, Chair, Leigh Elliott, Vice Chair, Susan Frankel, Treasurer, and Karolina Bodner, Secretary, seconded by Lydia, and the motion passed.

*NHLTA annual conference is May 9 in Concord. Trustees able to go should send a copy of their registration to the Library Director.

*April 23-29 is National Library Week. The Friends will be providing lunch one day.

*Robert made a motion to spend up to \$100 from the Trustee Acct. for the CAT Enrichment activity as posted on the calendar. The motion was seconded by Karen and passed.

*Input from the March 25 Community Listening Session will be used to guide the discussion of the new library location and next steps at a joint meeting on May 2nd at 5:30 with Trustees, Friends and Foundation.

*The Trustee Board is continuing the search for potential new library construction committee.

6:30 Susan F. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert, and the motion passed.

Next Meeting of the Trustee Board May 16th 5:30

***Reminder May 2nd, 5:30 Special Joint Meeting with Trustees, Foundation and Friends**

Minutes recorded by Karolina Bodner, Secretary