

Barrington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Meeting Minutes APPROVED
December 21, 2021

The Trustee meeting was held in person at the Barrington Library.

Present: Trustees: Leigh Elliott, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, Lydia Cupp, and Robert Drew. Melissa Huette (Library Director). Joyce Cappiello, Trustee Alternate. Trustee Karen Towne attended via zoom. George Bailey, Select Board Representative. Absent: Sam Ronda, Alternate

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Leigh Elliott.

Susan made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes from Nov. 16, 2021, seconded by Joyce, and the motion was passed.

Joyce made a motion to accept donations of \$1711, seconded by Lydia, and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Susan presented the Treasurer's Report and explained the various accounts. She noted that the January report will include a summary of 2021 transactions. Robert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Lydia and it was passed.

Public Comments: George mentioned that the Select Board has continued to receive and review Budget Reports from all Town departments.

Project Update: Leigh reminded Board of Tuesday, January 25 meeting with SMP architect at the Barrington Library 6:30pm.

Foundation update: Karen reported via zoom that the Foundation received donations of \$500 on Giving Tuesday. The Foundation sent a thank you to Greg Bolton of Calef's for their sponsorship of the community Soiree event on Dec 3. The Foundation participated with a booth and provided community members with information about library services. Next Foundation meeting is Feb. 1st.

Director's Report: Melissa reported that the ABC and Select Board have denied the request for additional staff hours in next year's budget.

Circulation Policy update is posted on the website. Patrons will be able to renew books twice online.

The Board was asked to review the updated Challenged Materials policy and make sure it also addresses programming and events. <http://nhslibguides.com/divisiveconcepts>.

The Town Report is due on Jan. 17, 2022 and is focused on this year's Tri-centennial Celebration. Trustees are asked to think of historical events to highlight and possible photos of past events that might be included.

The Foundation has requested that a Suggestion Box be used to ask patrons what they would like to see in a new library.

Programming: The Polar Express drive thru event done with the Recreation Department was a great success with many families participating.

Mahjong and cribbage clubs have resumed in person at the library and other groups are encouraged to return.

Grant opportunities: In response to patron requests, the library is applying for the #PlantWildflower grant for a pollinator garden with input from the Bloomers Garden Club and schools.

The Library provided children's books for 28 families receiving holiday baskets from the Food Pantry, and included coupons for the adults to pick books from the library book sale.

Old Business: Ideas were discussed on how the library can honor Marie Harris and Charter Weeks for their many years as volunteers and contributors to the library and Barrington Community.

The discussion included the suggestion that the art wall be dedicated to them for the month of February and include poetry and photography exhibits and supporting events. It was also suggested that the Summer Reading Program honor their commitment to encouraging literacy.

The Trustee Board continues to look for a third Trustee Alternate.

New Business:

Scott Shepherd has volunteered to meet with the Board and Foundation to discuss ways to connect with the community more effectively.

The Board was reminded that the filing period for the March town elections is Jan 19-28. Attendance is encouraged at the Deliberative Session on Feb. 5th.

Susan made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:15 per RSA 91-A:3, IIc. It was seconded by Lydia and passed by a roll call vote.

Lydia made a motion to leave Non-Public Session at 8:37, seconded by Susan, and it passed on a roll call vote.

Robert made a motion to adjourn at 8:40, seconded by Joyce, and the motion passed.

Next Meeting January 18, 2022 at 6:30pm

Minutes recorded by Karolina Bodner, Secretary