

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2024

Meeting held in the Weiler Family Community Room with a virtual option

In Attendance: Mike Stein, President; Julie Wynne, Vice President; Richard Leist, Treasurer (attended virtually); Cindy Cook, Secretary. Trustees: Brette Fulton, Judi Jabara, Nancy Lewis, Darryl Speicher. Mary Ann Lewis, Library Director.
Lisa Flanagan, Julie Niering and Maureen Siglin were absent.

Mike Stein, President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The minutes of the March 25, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Darryl Speicher made a motion to accept the minutes, Brette Fulton second, all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Leist reviewed the Treasurer's Report. He noted nothing out of the ordinary in the reports. Nancy Lewis made a motion to file the Treasurer's Report for audit. Julie Wynne second and all were in favor. Richard Leist, Treasurer, abstained.

Library Director's Report – Mary Ann Lewis reported that on April 3 SPARK resource sharing expanded again. It now includes Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, and Northampton libraries in addition to Easton. The time for receiving materials from the additional regions is three (3) or four (4) days. National Library Week went well with many different activities. The library received about a half dozen ideas for additional services on the suggestion board. Chelsea hosted a solar eclipse program. The library had many requests for solar eclipse viewing glasses. The local author event went very well; there were seven (7) authors in attendance. Circulation is typical for this time of the year. Programs are going well. The take-home bread mix program was very successful. The kaleidoscope program got off to a small start with a handful of people, but the attendees seemed to enjoy it. The program will be a monthly event. The watercolor instruction class with John James starts this week; it is full with a waiting list. Chelsea set up a temporary story walk at High Acres Park for the Earth Day Celebration.

Building Report – The fallen tree has been removed from the back area. There is some handrail damage from the tree which is being assessed for repair or replacement. The library is waiting on an estimate for the two (2) geo-thermal units that have not yet been replaced to complete a grant application. Approximately six (6) to eight (8) Teen Action Board members tidied up the grounds for Earth Day.

Fundraising – The Friends Letter has generated \$19,478.23 in donations with two hundred twenty three (223) donors. The amount of donations is approximately \$500.00 ahead of last year at this time. Julie Wynne, Lisa Flanagan, and Mary Ann Lewis are organizing Books and Bubbly. The letters are being sent out this week to secure food and beverage suppliers. Mary Ann reported the library is covered by

the current insurance for this event. Julie Wynne will ask her son Zach about the possibility of providing music for the event.

Grants – A letter has been sent to the Hughes Foundation requesting an Advanced Workstation in Education (AWE) to provide early literacy & other skills to pre-school and elementary age students. Updated Family Place training for the children’s librarian and director has also been requested. An application will be submitted to the R. Dale and Frances Hughes Foundation for assistance in replacing the remaining geo-thermal units.

The library received \$6000.00 from the Buck Hill Community Services Committee. The library also received \$10,000.00 from the Weiler Family Foundation.

New Business – None

Old Business - Mary Ann reported more information on previous library directors has been found through the Barret Township Historical Society. The timeline is getting much closer to being complete.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. with Darryl Speicher making the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 28, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. due to Memorial Day.