

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2024

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

In Attendance: Julie Wynne, Vice President; Richard Leist, Treasurer; Cindy Cook, Secretary. Trustees: Lisa Flanagan, Brette Fulton, Judi Jabara, Nancy Lewis, Julie Niering, Maureen Siglin, Darryl Speicher. Mary Ann Lewis, Library Director. Mike Stein, President, was not in attendance.

Julie Wynne, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The April 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed, Richard Leist made a motion to accept the minutes, Darryl Speicher seconded, and all were in favor. Lisa Flanagan, Julie Niering and Maureen Siglin abstained due to being absent from the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Richard Leist reviewed the reports. Income and expenses are where they should be at the present time. The investment funds are averaging 8 ½ percent and Richard commented Morgan Stanley is doing quite well for us. Darryl Speicher made a motion to file the Treasurer's Report for audit. Richard Leist abstained.

**Library Director's Report** – Mary Ann reported the library had a small increase of visitors but there had been a large increase of reference questions, most likely related to questions about the solar eclipse. The library staff is certified in basic first aid thanks to Pocono Mountain Regional EMS. Mary Ann stated she was a mentor for the PA Library Association Leadership workshop and it was a very good experience. She was also asked to run for the 2026 Conference Chair position.

Brian Ahjar will be displaying his artwork for the months of June and July. Liz Green will display her artwork for the months of August and September.

The PA Library Association held a workshop titled PA Forward. It covered the framework of how libraries can meet community needs.

Job seekers have been using the library to job search and receive help with technology.

Mary Ann shared that a gentleman comes to our library instead of the library in his own service area because he receives more personalized service here. A couple staying in the area also came to the library because they had to participate in a Zoom meeting and needed assistance.

Circulation is typical with nothing out of the ordinary taking place.

Programs are gearing up for the summer with the theme "Adventure Begins at Your Library." The watercolor class is going very well.

**Building Report** – The sidewalks have been repaired and the stones have been replaced on the stairway wall out front and also near the outside faucet. The handrails that were damaged by the fallen tree are to be repaired in about two (2) months and most of the repair cost should be covered by insurance.

**Fundraising** - The Friends Letter has raised nineteen thousand six hundred thirteen dollars and twenty-three cents (19, 613.23) which is six hundred twenty-eight (628.00) dollars ahead of last year. Two hundred twenty-four (224) donors have contributed. The new letter is being composed with mailing to take place in early July. Volunteers will stuff the letters in the envelopes after Books and Bubbly is

completed. There are currently 13 vendors/hosts participating in Books and Bubbly which will be held June 14, 2024. Daniel Lane will provide music and Julie Niering will provide flowers and greenery. Mary Ann is working on getting the planning committee together for LOL/Comedy Night.

**Grants and Donations** – The Hughes Foundation grant application has been submitted. The R. Dale and Frances M. Hughes Foundation grant application is being submitted; the library is asking for nineteen thousand five hundred (19,500.00) dollars to be used towards the replacement of the remaining geothermal units.

Richard and Laura Leist gave a five thousand (5,000.00) dollar donation to the library.

**New Business** – None

**Miscellaneous** – Richard Leist asked a question about energy green credits for geothermal systems. Mary Ann said she would look into it.

**Old Business** – Finding the names of all the former library directors is a work in progress and there is no new information.

**Library 2034** - Richard Leist reported the last meeting the committee had was a good meeting. The committee is working on developing a manageable survey for the community concerning content and access. Richard wants to review circulation statistics to see if there are any trends. Richard stated that Mike continues to stress that this committee is a work in progress. The next meeting of the Library 2034 committee will be held July 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. Darryl suggested checking to see if other libraries have gathered an analysis of trends. Discussion took place.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. Lisa Flanagan made a motion and Julie Niering seconded, all were in favor.

Next meeting will be held June 24, 2024.