Barrington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Meeting
March 5, 2020 (rescheduled from 2/18)
Approved meeting minutes

Present: Trustees: Lindsey Maziarz, Lydia Cupp, Traci Bisson, Leigh Elliott, Susan Frankel, Karolina Bodner, George Bailey (Select Board representative), Melissa Huette (Library Director), and guest Chief Joy from the Barrington Police Department.

Absent: Trustee: Robert Drew

The meeting was called to order at 7:13

Chief Joy (new Barrington PD Chief) was introduced to the group. Chief Joy had asked to attend the meeting to reach out to the library as a resource. The group discussed various ideas such as safety checks and trainings, gun safety courses, Library emergency planning, child safety, child oriented programs such as “juice box with the police “and touch a truck. Chief Joy also mentioned that anyone can make an appointment to visit and tour the renovated safety building. He also mentioned that the police department wants to continue to be involved with other town organizations such as Special Olympics. Chief Joy excused himself from the meeting after the discussion.

The public meeting minutes from the 1/21/20 meeting were approved, in a motion by Karolina and seconded by Lindsey, and passed on a voice vote.

Donations of $65.50 were accepted in a motion by Lindsey, and seconded by Susan, and passed on a voice vote.

Treasurer’s report: Susan presented the reports that had been sent out by email for review. Lydia made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report, and Karolina seconded, motion passed on a voice vote.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Foundation Update:
- Overall the Foundation booth at the primary had an overall positive response.
- This coming Friday through Sunday (March 6-8) will be canvassing throughout all of Barrington for the new library.
- Melissa shared that through the NH Humanities grant awarded to the Foundation that Marilyn Johnson will be doing a talk on her book, This Book is Overdue. The event will be held at the Be Free Church in Barrington on April 19 at 3:30. Amy’s monthly Brown Bag book discussion group at the library will also be discussing the book.
- Roger Gingrich will be leading a discussion on the book, Palaces for the People, on May 14th.
- Please help if you can on Voting day March 10th by holding a vote yes sign outside of the BMS.

Friends of the BPL update: Lydia shared details on the upcoming fundraiser, Books in Bloom. The event will be held on March 21st from 10:30 to 11:30 with arrangements being created on Wednesday March 18th at 6:00 in the Library meeting room. The Library staff and Trustees will be participating in the event.
New Business:

1. May 12 is the annual NHLTA conference. Forms were passed out to all who were interested in attending. Everyone should bring these forms to the next meeting so they can be collected and sent out after final workshop selections are made at the meeting.

2. Matt Katchalu will no longer be an alternate. Lindsey mentioned two people have expressed an interest and will be attending future meetings.

Old Business:
Discussion on candidate forum, signs around town, and the get out and vote canvassing this coming weekend.

Director's Report:

1. Melissa shared library statistics.
   - 28 new patrons
   - 3,064 patrons came in
   - 4,684 items checked out
   - 993 Overdrive audiobooks and Ebooks used
   - 191 Hoopla users (TV, movies, books, audiobooks)

2. First Seacoast Savings Bank will be funding $1600.00 for the summer reading program. The theme is Imagine Your Story.

3. The Compensation Study has been completed and all town employees has received a letter outlining the changes if the town budget passes on March 10th. Melissa mentioned that the Trustees should review library employees job descriptions in the near future to make sure they accurately describe their current positions.

Non-Public

-Motion made at 8:17 to enter Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) in a motion made by Lindsey and seconded by Susan, and passed by a voice vote. Motion made to leave Non-Public at 8:55 in a motion made by Lindsey and seconded by Leigh, and passed on a voice vote.

A big thank you to Traci Bisson for all her work as a Trustee and on the Foundation!

Lindsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:09, Susan seconded, and passed by a voice vote.

The next meeting will be March 17th at 6:30 at the library.

Notes taken by Lydia Cupp Secretary

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