

MEETING MINUTES

BELLINGHAM LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING

Date: January 11, 2024

Time: 7:03

Meeting called to order by: Sue Garten

IN ATTENDANCE

Library Board: Sue Garten-Chair, Macala Lamour-Vice Chair, Nicole Buckley-Secretary, Carol Bird, Laura Howard

Library Staff: Bernadette Rivard

Approval of minutes

Macala made a motion to approve the amended November Minutes. Sue seconded. All in favor-minutes approved.

Macala made a motion to approve the December Minutes. Sue seconded. All in favor-minutes approved.

OTHER

Bellingham Business Expo

Sue made a motion to not permit sales at the Business Expo on April 6. Carol seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Programming for Homeschool Families

Bernadette suggested a small committee/collaboration of homeschool parents to help plan monthly programs.

FINANCIAL REPORT-(SHARED IN MEETING MATERIALS)

-Reviewed

-Signed bills

DIRECTOR'S REPORT- (SHARED IN MEETING MATERIALS)

- HVAC Update/Boiler project. A contractor has been selected, and work should commence soon.
- Children's Patio project will begin in spring.
- FY24 Budget-has been submitted to the Town's Administrator's Office. The next steps are to present to the Selectboard on Feb 24th and then to FinComm.
- State Aid- The First payment was received.
- Staff Update: Amanda Campano (Custodian) started full-time today after working part-time for 2 weeks.
- FY2026-2030 Strategic Plan: Bernadette is working with staff on survey questions. We will have a draft next meeting.
- Website and Catalog Updates-Big changes! CWMARS is contracting with Aspen Discovery. It will be live in March. Also, updates to the town website are upcoming.
- Programs-Bernadette shared the new and ongoing and special programs. There are a lot of offerings.
- Discussed upcoming solar eclipse-April 8th, will revisit conversation.
- Library Speakers Consortium-The library has enrolled, and there are 3 discussions this month.
- Friends of the Library-Annual Meeting was held, and Andrea Fiorello spoke about Censorship and Book Bans.
- Annual Report: Bernadette reports that it will be completed by the end of the month.
- Statistics-Report included in the materials.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Sue Garten at 8:00 pm

NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be held on February 8, 2024