

MEETING MINUTES

BELLINGHAM LIBRARY TRUSTEE

MEETING

Date: December 14, 2023

Time: 7:03

Meeting called to order by: Sue Garten, Chair

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Library Staff: Bernadette Rivard

Absent: Nicole Buckley-Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Macala noted a clerical error. Meeting minutes not approved. Bernadette will correct error for review next month.

FINANCIAL REPORT-(SHARED IN MEETING MATERIALS)

- Reviewed
- Signed bills

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-(SHARED IN MEETING MATERIALS)

- HVAC system replacement plan discussed. One more quote to be obtained. Discussed potential timeframes and plans for the week the system gets replaced.
- Budget - on target. FY25 budget request is a 2.86% increase over FY24.
- State aid - First state aid payment received.
- Staff-Interviews underway for custodian position.
- MBLC Action plan - accepted by MBLC.
- FY2026 Strategic Plan - Brainstormed approaches for surveying the community.

-Upcoming Programs-Discussed a variety of new ongoing and special programs in the next few weeks, including an indoor veggie growing session.

-Library Speakers Consortium - **Laura Howard made a motion for up to \$2500 to fund the Library Speakers Consortium for 2024. Macala seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Sue Garten at 7/51

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2024.