

Bellingham Library Trustee Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2023

Submitted by: Macala Lamour

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

Library Staff: Bernadette Rivard, Director

Location: Library Historical Room

Next meeting: March 9, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Nicole Buckley, Chair.

A motion to amend the meeting minutes submitted by Laura Howard for November 17, 2022 and November 21, 2022, and by Macala Lamour for January 12, 2023, was made by Nicole Buckley, the motion was seconded by Carol Bird. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Bernadette Rivard presented and reviewed the Director's Report as submitted February 8, 2023.

The Board discussed the budget updates for FY23.

The Story Walk will be installed February 10, 2023, ahead of schedule due to lack of snow.

The Board discussed the proposed patio area outside the Teen Room.

The new Youth Services Librarian, Laura Brilliant-Giangrande, started on February 19, 2023 and is currently finalizing March Children's programs.

The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing an outdoor digital sign for the library.

Sue Garten will attend the Town Budget Meeting with Bernadette Rivard on February 25, 2023.

The Board discussed the "Open for Business" Grant that includes workshops and a business expo to be held at the library on April 29, 2023.

The Board discussed updates to the PrideFest that will now be sponsored by the PrideFest Committee and will take place in June 2023. The Board discussed relevant book possibilities for the Story Walk during the month of June.

The Board discussed updates to the "Reconsideration of Library Materials or Services Policy." The Board will review the policy and discuss further in March.

The Board discussed the “Unaccompanied Adults” policy for the Children’s Room. Bernadette Rivard will make revisions as discussed.

The Board discussed the possibility of allowing a Girl Scout Sleepover at the library.

The meeting was called at 7:57pm by Nicole Buckley.