

Brown Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes - 8/23/22

Present: Maryann Beaupre (President/Chair), John Stevens (Treasurer), Cyndy Bushey (Vice President), Tossy Garrett (Secretary taking minutes), Gail Hall (MAL), Dale Kunkel (MAL), Kelli Sutton-Bosley (MAL).
Absent: Sherri Brickey [Director].

5:02- Meeting Called to Order (Maryann), Agenda review. Gail added a farmers market discussion to New Business, Tossy added a furniture update to Old Business. We don't have financials to review this month.

5:03- Previous Minutes. Dale moved to approve the July minutes, John seconded. Voted and approved.

5:03- Treasurer's report. We don't have a printed report, John is working on the budget for this year. Overall there is nothing big to note.

5:04- Librarian's Report- Sherri isn't here, but we read her report.

5:07- Old Business:

- **Lights-** Nothing has happened with this, John will continue to follow up.
- **Fix Downstairs Hall Door-** Town manager is aware of this, nothing has happened yet.
- **Website Update-** Kelli- Sherri set up a meeting with Paul Sternberg, but Kelli was working and couldn't attend the meeting. We will follow up next month when we have more information.
- **Update on New Worker-** We have a new person working from VT Associates, he seems to be working out well. Will revisit with Sherri next month.
- **Gail had a question about the energy committee, since they used the Library as an example for community members to see the process .** She moved that we allow the energy committee to use information we gathered with the BPL's experience with its energy evaluation to promote energy savings in the community. Tossy seconded, voted & approved.
- **Furniture:** Tossy- Joe Zuaro is interested in making the book tower, the furniture committee will make a quote for him to see if he can do it.

5:20- New Business:

- **Labor Day Book Sale:** Gail- needs people to sign up for tasks, and distributed a sign-up sheet. She has already sorted many of the books in the alcove, and Karen Grace has brought some books out from the book store pre-sorted. We will have plenty of books for the sale. Sherri set a book donation deadline so there is time to sort them all. Gail hasn't heard from Norwich about the volunteers, but will keep following up. We have contacts for book removal, signs for during the sale, and bookmarks to spread the word. Tossy will post about the sale to FPF, and we will have a table at the farmers market next week. We're not having a breakfast, so the time is 9-3 each day. We need signups on the work schedule and board contributions for the raffle. We will not have donation options for the Friends of BPL, but can talk to people during the sale and try to find folks interested in joining a leadership role.
- **Shelving of Controversial Books:** Gail was worried about a certain book being available for 14 year olds. She brought Montpelier's policy for reviewing books before buying, and also a reconsideration form for patrons who have comments on books. We will continue talking about this next month when Sherri and also hopefully Rebecca can be present.

- **Farmers Market:** Gail- last year we had a table to pass out our bookmarks. This year Cassie (the market manager) suggested that the BPL have a regular table at the farmers market as a place to sign up patrons, talk with people, etc. None of us wanted to commit to staff a table weekly, but we could talk with Sherri and Rebecca about having storytimes and other events at the market again (maybe monthly?), and possibly have a table for a few weeks to gather interest for the Friends. We will talk about this and communicate with Cassie for next year's farmers market season.

5:46- Other business:

- **John-** talked to Jeff about the plexiglass for windows, and the town is willing to split the cost 50/50. John has booked someone who will be able to do this before winter.

5:46- Executive Session: None needed.

5:47- Cyndy moved to adjourn the meeting, Kelli seconded; voted & moved. Meeting adjourned.