

Bradford Public Library
Bradford, VT 05033
BPL Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President, Tony Brainerd.

Minutes: Larry moved the minutes be accepted and Bud seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- A monthly operating report was provided via e-mail along with Treasurer's notes.
- Bud reviewed the notes at the bottom of the report. The picnic table cost 424.00. We had 12 memorial funds, so Bud used the ones designated from 10-15 years ago.
- Bud said we have enough oil through November.
- Bud explained interest and dividend -see note 5. The annual appeal gets transferred in July.
- October 5th will be a budget meeting. Tony, Bud, Debra, Dee and Angela. 630PM
- Town of Bradford appeal: We are not sure if we should ask the town for funds the handicap project. Out of the 215,000 we still have 52,000 left over from roof and masonry designated for repairs the library.
- . We have 6,818.00 remaining in the VCF fund that has not yet been used.
- The annual town contribution is used for operating expenses.

Larry motioned, peter seconded, a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Motion approved.

Librarian's Report:

- Last night John Fatherly sold books at the library event and donated the money to the library.
- On the second Wednesday, the photo group will start meeting
- *Hillbilly Elegy* is the book for the next book discussion October 26th.
- We have a new newsletter! We are in excess of the free email account of 1000 names, so Betsy will resolve how we can send to our full mailing list.
 - Betsy asked for feedback. Everyone liked it. She also added a plug for the Amazon Smile account. We'll need to decide frequency of mailing. Maybe the week after our board meeting. That sounded agreeable.
 - Laps for the library pledges are on the front desk or you can also pay at the elementary school. We need more walkers for September 23rd.
- Professional Development: Red Clover VT picture book award is this Tuesday. Gail and one of the other teachers from elementary school will attending. We'll get a set of the picture books.

- National Library Association is meeting in Burlington is for 3 days in October. Debra and Holly are going. They obtained a grant to defer expenses.
- Tod & Natalie Jesdale said they have we could use excess solar power credits to share. Jesdale's are not here in the winter so he offered power, but we are 3rd in line. Our credit will start showing up mid October. A thank you will be sent.

Larry motioned, Peter seconded, a motion to approve the Librarian's report. Motion approved.

Accessibility Grant Update:

- Jill Michaels has met with architect and others, and she has contacted donors. If we can raise 300,000.00 without getting it from VCDP that would make things easier. Jill got a negative response from BCDC and from Ted Unkles regarding the towns revolving loan fund.

Fundraising:

- Meetings will be scheduled for Annual Appeal group and Fundraising group
- Lap for the Library is September 23, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Grants/Technology:

We talked about improving internet service. Tony said we could probably get faster speed and less expensive telephone service if we switched to Charter. Still, no one has returned the call. It's now called Spectrum.

Building and Grounds:

Reminder about Recycling! Please recycle when you are assigned to. Thank you!

- Monique assigned October
- Tony assigned November
- Bud assigned December
- Brad discussed building new bookshelves but they may be destroyed when renovation. He has some hardwood flooring that he will put on the front to support sagging shelves.

Old Business:

- Angela is doing annual appeal but we have not yet viewed the letter.
- Shelf broke downstairs for the 2nd time; Mark Reinheimer volunteered to make new shelves and install them. They are still not repaired and he apologized. They are short one employee.
- Tony thanked those who helped get the blind repaired in the reading room. It was replaced at no cost.
- Bud said he thinks we should use the traffic crossing sign out in front of the library. Wheels with a locking mechanism would be helpful, as it is cumbersome.

- Bud said on Saturday afternoons he's observed that there is very little traffic so we might keep data on the next two months how many people come in between 12-2.

New Business:

- Tony asked about the email he sent out about a gift for Holly. Larry suggested a 40.00 gift certificate from the Colatina. Brad made a motion and Peter seconded it.

Larry motioned, Peter seconded, a motion to adjourn at 7:39 PM. Motion approved.

The next scheduled BPL meeting is Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Chamberlain

Those who were present:

Tony Brainerd	2018
Pam Johnson	2020
Bud Haas	2019
Pete Richards	Trustee Emeritum
Dee Chamberlain	Town Representative
Betsy Kane	2020
Larry Coffin	2019
Brad Johnston	2019
Gail Trede	Children's Librarian
Debra Tinkham	Library Director
Laura Lornitzo	Town Representative

Those not present:

Angela Conrad-Schlager	2018
Dotti Unkles	2020
Monique Priestley	2018
Eris Eastman	Trustee Emerita
Shirley Conrad	Trustee Emerita