

**Bennington Free Library Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
November 17, 2015**

Present: Barth VanderEls, Lynne Fonteneau-McCann, Maureen Loy, PJ Venti, Kelley Legacy, Kathy Murphy, Chrissy Morrissey, Mike Munson, Dave Newell and Jon Goodrich

Approval of September 2015 and October 2015 Minutes:

Minutes had not been distributed. Approval tabled until January 2016 meeting.

Financial Report:

Annual Fund: Behind from last year as we are 33% of goal (last year 40% of goal)

Revenue and Expense report: Expenses are down 33% as of this date.

Report approved after motion by Mike Munson, seconded by Chrissy Morrissey.

Director's Report: Circulated in packet

- Arsenic and Old Lace presented at Oldcastle Theater by local theater group brought in \$2010.00 to library. Lynne will write thank you notes.
- Bennington Rotary doing Spaghetti Dinner in March. Proceeds to benefit BFL.
- Children's Library to receive "STEM Grant" a non monetary 3 year program providing leadership training in materials.

Committee Assignments: Tabled until January 2016 meeting

Nominations for New Board members:

Kathy Murphy has resigned. PJ nominated Tricia Lydecker and board approved.

Committee Reports:

George Jones Donation: Unrestricted donation of \$70,000 stock and \$5,000 cash.

After discussion board approved designating money for capital improvement and Roof Project after family approval. Motion made by Maureen seconded by Dave.

Jon Goodrich to speak to George Jones, Dave Newell with Shep Jones.

Acknowledgement from all board members.

Fundraising: Kelley still communicating with Chris Bohjalian. Nothing definitive yet.

Capital Campaign:

- Need for donor list to make reaching goal for roof repair happen, to specify it is over and above Annual Fund. Barth may have list of names.
- Need to have firm numbers from engineers
Compare cost for complete slate replacement vs partial slate for old and synthetic for new part vs no slate at all. Difference in cost is the installation
- Use of synthetic may effect Historic Preservation Grant of \$20,000.00
- Lynne will email Keefe and Wessner Report to Board members
- Jon Goodrich will start to work on getting some bids

Holiday Card for "Wall Book" donors will be available at BFL for Board members to

sign.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 5:15PM

Board Meeting Schedule:

FY 2015- 2016

Third Tuesday of the month at 4:30PM

January 19, 2016

March 15, 2016

May 17, 2016

June 21, 2016

Next Meeting: Third Tuesday January 19, 2016@ 4:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Loy