

**Bennington Free Library Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
January 20, 2015**

Present: Barth VanderEls, Lynne Fonteneau-McCann, Maureen Loy, PJ Venti, Kelly Legacy, Kate Canning, Kathy Murphy, Chrissy Morrissey, Mike Munson

New Board Member Mike Munson was introduced.

Lynne circulated article from Bennington Banner regarding Bennington Select Board's approval to increase appropriation for next fiscal year.

Approval of November 18, 2014 minutes:

Minutes were corrected to show that the Long Range Plan had been voted upon and accepted by the full board after a motion had been made by PJ and seconded by Kelley.

After the correction the minutes were unanimously approved after a motion made by PJ Venti and seconded by Kathy Murphy.

Financial Report:

- Annual Fund: to date numbers are still below last year, showing we are at 57% of goal whereas last year at this time we were at 59%.
- Revenue and Expense report: Lynne noted we are halfway through the year. Support numbers are high due to the full amount of appropriation received from Bennington, Woodford and Shaftsbury towns. Personnel expense are on target. Expenses are up due to repairs done this past Summer and Fall. Support from "Gifts-Children" was high as Molly Cohen from Bennington chose to gift the Bennington Free Library close to \$3000 as her Bar-Mitzvah project.
- The report unanimously approved - motion made by PJ and 2nd by Kathy Murphy

Director's Report:

Williams College Library donated file cabinets, shelves and lighting fixtures.

Karson is applying for the StoryCorp grant to do local interviews regarding the BFL's 150th anniversary.

Local author Megan Bergman will be reading from and doing a book signing for her new book "Almost Famous Women" on **February 9th at 7PM.**

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds:

Lynne is still getting bids to replace the slate roof and looking into the possibility of using artificial slate for part of the replacement. The Design and Review Board for Historic Preservation will be reviewing.

PJ pointed out that the Trustees requested there be a solidified bid by June to help with Fundraising for next year.

Personnel and Policies:

The current bookkeeper will be leaving to take a full-time position at SVC. Lynne will be posting an opening for a part-time (12 hours/week) position.

Lynne reported Chris Poggi is doing well

There has been no new communication regarding Jim Hamilton. Lynne has sent all requested information to the lawyers.

Fundraising:

The focus is on the BFL's 150th Anniversary and events to give publicity to this.

- Already scheduled is the Bennington Chamber Mixer on **Tuesday June 23**
- Bennington Battle Day Float
- Author Event requires looking at list, drafting and mailing letters

Sesquicentennial Planning Meeting: set for Tuesday, February 10th @ 4:30

Book Sale: April 25-26 (Save the Date)

Other Business:

Lynne is looking for Poster people for "I Geek the Library".

Lynne passed Board Contact List for corrections. Pj had new email address and MikeMunson's information was added.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Board Meeting Schedule: Third Tuesday of the month at 4:30PM

March 17, 2015

May 19, 2015

June 16, 2015

Next Meeting: March 17, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Loy