

**Bennington Free Library Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
June 16, 2015
Home of David and Carol Newell**

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

Thank you to our host and hostess David and Carol Newell. After a delicious "pot luck" the meeting was called to order at approximately 8:00PM

Approval of March 17, 2015 minutes: Motion to approve made by Chrissy Morrissey and seconded by Mike Munson. Minutes unanimously approved.

Approval of May 19, 2015 minutes: Motion made by Kate Canning and seconded by Dave Newell. The minutes unanimously approved

Financial Report:

Annual Fund: 98 % of goal has been reached. There is a donor who contributes late and hopes are that will come in and bring us to goal.

May Financial (Revenue and Expense) Report: Lynne presented report. A motion made by Chrissy Morrissey was seconded by Kelly Legacy and unanimously approved by the Board.

Director's Report:

- Community Theatre will be using Library for presentations. Although there was no charge, they will be donating \$1000.00 to the library at the end of their season
- Bank of Bennington trust has come through for \$9451.13
- library booth will continue during Saturday's farmer's market
- Lynne reviewed upcoming events
 - Chamber Mixer, June 23 at 5:30pm
 - Battle of Bennington Parade on August 16th

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds:

- Front entrance has been painted by Kim Harrington.
- Lynne is getting bids for the Silver Street entrance painting and repairs
- Keefe and Wesner looked carefully at the roof using a lift to do so. They think there are more problems with the roof than originally thought and are suggesting \$364,000 to re-slate the roof and repair the damage that exists

Personnel and Policies:

The search for a CPA continues. Lynne has reached out to some firms in Bennington who have not returned calls, and one from Rutland whose fees were much higher than those currently. Some names were given to Lynne to research their interest. Lynne's concern is that the annual Financial Draft needs to be reviewed and approved by the Board during the September meeting.

Fundraising:

Lynne will e-mail the ‘donor’ list to all board members for their review to delete some names and add others to make for a more current listing

Other Business:

Chamber Mixer: Kickoff for Fundraiser. June 23 at 5:30

- Being catered by Belly’s Deli & Board members will also provide some hors’doevres
- Dave Newell to MC: give history of Library’s 150 years, announce focus of fundraising to fix roof reviewing Keefe and Wesner’s Report (It was suggested there be photos of the roof and the repairs needed), and announce “book naming privileges” for \$500.00 donation.
He will announce that \$25,000 has already been pledged by the Board.
- On display there will be a scavenger hunt sheet, materials regarding the roof campaign, and library history
- Staff will be there to assist and answer questions
- Brian Campion will be there to read Gov. Shumlin’s BFL”s 150th Proclamation

Battle Day Parade: Sunday August 16th

Chrissy will be organizing the “Manning of the Float” and to find people to walk along side to distribute candy. More focus on the float will occur after the “Mixer”

Future Minutes: In future, Lynne will be emailing minutes as opposed to USPS. It is thought that will save some money.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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

September 15, 2015

November 17, 2015

January 19, 2016

March 15, 2016

May 17, 2016

June 21, 2016

Please mark your calendars now.

Next Meeting: September 15, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Loy