

**Bennington Free Library Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2014**

This is a special meeting called to approve the FY 2014 Financial Report and to discuss plans for the BFL's 150th year anniversary

Present: Barth VanderEls, Lynne Fonteneau-McCann, Chrissy Morrissey, Maureen Loy, PJ Venti, Kelly Legacy, Dave Newell, Jon Goodrich, Kate Canning

FY 2014 Financial Report: Needed to be approved.
PJ made a motion to accept which was seconded by Kate Canning and unanimously approved.

Personnel and Policies:

Lynne announced two resignations: Jake Cormier and Alicia Romac. Chrissy Morrissey spoke to Michael Munson, a lawyer with Barr, Sternberg and Moss. He has accepted and the Board formally voted to accept him.

Former employee Jim Hamilton has hired a lawyer and is pursuing an age discrimination suit against the BFL. The Rutland law firm Ryan Smith and Carbine, will represent the Library in this action.

Building and Grounds:

Slate roof replacement: Lynne received quote from Doxsee roofing for \$250,000. Since the BFL is an Historic Building the roof requires slate, and as such will receive only \$20,000 from an Historic Preservation Grant. Lynne and Barth are going to talk to town about possible bond vote.

Bennington Free Library's Sesquicentennial:

PJ Venti presented as part of long range planning for 2015 and library's 150th anniversary as a time to capitalize on fundraising and publicity to promote the BFL.

Among venues and topics discussed:

Chamber mixer is set for June 23 2015 - same day library established in 1865

Basket give away and scavenger hunt in library to highlight usage of the BFL

Battle Day Parade 2015: a discussion of themes and floats, Chrissy will recruit children, in addition to Catherine Morrissey, to participate and dress as their favorite literary characters. She also volunteered to head the decoration committee. Dave Newell offered to find an available flatbed truck

Fundraising: Unveil mural that Lynne is commissioning for the front door entrance - have people donate to have names put on the books in the mural \$15.00 - \$1500 possible donation amounts. Kelly has offered to help with this project

Author events: we need to get dates and venues for hopefully 3 events

Local artists contribute works for Art Auction and cocktails

Plein air event

New bookbag and mug design

Mayfest and framer's market for publicity

Book sale

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

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

November 18, 2014

January 20, 2015

March 17, 2015

May 19, 2015

June 16, 2015

Next Meeting: November 18 @ 4:30

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen K. Loy