

**Bennington Free Library
Board of Directors
4:30 PM Rotary Room
Minutes: March 23, 2017**

Present: Lynne Fonteneau-McCann, Maureen Loy, PJ Venti, Dave Newell, Tricia Bitteker, Mike Munson, Jon Goodrich, Chrissy Morrissey

Meeting called to order at 4:40 PM by Dave Newell, in place for Barth VanderEls

Approval of Minutes: Unanimously approved after motion by PJ Venti, seconded by Tricia Bitteker

Finance Report:

Annual Fund: slightly ahead of last year at this time

Revenue and Expense report: January and February reports unanimously approved after motion by Chrissy Morrissey and seconded by Jon Goodrich

Capital Improvement Plan: Phase Two approximate cost will be \$244,000, with \$170,000 toward roof, \$50,000 flooring, \$20,000 heating system, and remainder toward new doors. Jon questioned going ahead with second half of roof but after discussion it was decided there is enough slate breakage that it needs replacement.

BFL has received Vermont Community Foundation's annual disbursement of \$15,578.00. PJ will f/u to see if individual donors to VCF will donate specifically to Bennington Free Library.

Director's Report: distributed in packet

- Emmely Parks named the library in her will for \$100,000. We will need to wait on that to determine if her husband's needs may require those monies.
- Lynne is working on Emergency Response Plan with library staff and will write up booklet. Camillo Grande from Bennington Police Department will do walk thru with Lynne and staff. Lynne will present to Board when completed
- Volunteer Reception is April 12 from 3 to 5 pm and all Board members are requested to attend
- Book Sale week: May 8 – 13. Lynne requested help to set up during the week and to work Friday and Saturday during actual sale. Mike Munson is in touch with probation officer Stephen Strohmaier who will get work crew to move books from BFL to Baptist Church

Committee Reports:

Personnel:

- Tianna Fronsman has been charged with drug trafficking and manslaughter and is being held with bail set at \$50,000. There is no evidence or mention of drug activity at the library.
- PJ will meet with Lynne regarding Goal Settings. She also announced she would no longer chair committee after June and will look for someone to be her replacement.

BOOK SALE: May 12-13.....save the date

MAYFEST: Saturday, May 27th.....save the date

Board Meeting Schedule – Third Tuesdays at 4:30PM

May 16, 2017

June 20, 2017 for Pot Luck

IMPORTANT DATE: Next Meeting: Third Tuesday - May 16, 2017 @ 4:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen K. Loy