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March 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance The Beacon Falls Public Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Elizabeth Setaro-Posick followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present: Rebecca Rubino, Mary MacEachern, Marion Zollo, and David Dlugos.

Others: Elizabeth Setaro-Posick (Library Director)

Not in attendance: Annette Bosley-Boyce and Matthew Yanarella.

II. Review of the Agenda

David Dlugos made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded Rebecca Rubino. Approved, all aye.

III. Approval of Minutes

Rebecca Rubino made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, seconded Mary MacEachern. Approved; all aye.

IV. Correspondence

No Correspondence

V. Public Comment

No Public Comment

VI. Friends' Report-The FOBFL is holding its annual stuffed bread sale. All proceeds benefit the library. The last day to order is March 31st. There is a google link to order on their Facebook page. Give Local 2023 will take place from April 25th-26th. The goal is to raise \$1500 to support summer reading and programming for all ages. Save the date for 9/23/23. The FOBFL will host a Bag Bingo event at St. Michael's Church Lyceum.

VII. Board of Selectmen Report- During the March 13th meeting a discussion opened about how well the library does on its programming.

VIII. Library Director's Report

A. Service Reports- Areas of note from the February service report.

- The library offered seven adult programs, twelve child programs, two teen programs, and one for seniors.
- The number of adults in the adult programs was 55, and 205 children participated in child activities.
- Children's programs included United Day School visits, music, and movement with Miss Maria, valentine cards, Take Your Child to The Library Day, PSST, Legos in the Library, and movies and munchies.
- Adults participated in the True Crime book club, a resin tray craft, watercolor valentine cards, couples MBTI, and a zoom class by Marlow Shami called "Nature as a Mentor.
- Miss Kerri went to the senior center to do a string art class with the seniors.
- Teens participated in teen MBTI and did a valentine's craft.
- Overall circulation increased by 32% from this time last year.
- There has been an increase in patrons using public computers.
- Website visits are up by 21%

B. Financial Reports/Bills Paid: Areas of note regarding the January FY (Fiscal Year) 22_23 Financial Report:

- 63% of the overall library budget has been expended.

C. Approval for any Bills to be paid-None.

D. Other Library-related news-

IX. Old Business

- Term dates/election year. Being that this is an election year, the Library Director wanted to remind the Board of their term dates. Mary and Matt's terms will be up in November of 2023, and will most likely be on a ballot if they wish to continue.
- Upcoming programs: In April, the library will host the True Crime book club, A program about Tavern Life in Early CT, a wooden picnic caddy, a watercolor class, and a gardening program by a UCONN Master Gardener for adults. Teens will have a murder mystery club, and children will have an egg hunt, art exploration, lap sit Storytime for little kids, Legos in the library, movies and munchies, music and movement, a puppet show, earth day activities, STEM at the library, and a teddy bear sleepover.
- Summer reading: Summer reading will start the third week of June. This year's theme will be "Cinnamorolls Magical Tree House Summer Reading Adventures 2023." Summer

reading lasts for 8 weeks with weekly activities taking place. Each place will focus on a different location in the world.

- Library week in April- The American Library Association celebrates library week April 23rd-29th the library would like to participate.

X. New Business

- Overview of website information and links.
- YMCA- The library, Park and Rec, and Lauren Fennell met with the YMCA on March 13th. Sherri from the YMCA with host a quarterly resume workshop. The dates are March 29th, May 24th, August 23rd, and November 29th. They will take place in the assembly room.

XI. Executive Session (if needed)

XII. Announcements/adjournment Motion to adjourn by David Dlugos seconded by Rebecca Rubino. Approved; all aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.