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September 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The Beacon Falls Public Library Board of Trustees monthly meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by E. Setaro-Posick followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees present: Mary MacEachern, David Dlugos, Rebecca Rubino, and Annette Bosley-Boyce.

Others: Elizabeth Setaro-Posick

Not in attendance: Jill Goodman and Marion Zollo

II. Review of the Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

D. Dlugos made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, M. MacEachern second. Approved; all aye.

IV. Correspondence

The Association of Connecticut Library Boards sent their newsletter. Beacon Falls Public Library was one of the 24 public libraries awarded a grant for summer enrichment.

V. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

VI. Friends' Report-The book sale will take place on September 30th and October 1st. The FOBPL officer elections will take place next month.

VII. Board of Selectmen Report- A community center is being proposed with the intention that it would be a meeting center and double as the new senior center. The current senior center could potentially be available for the Fire Department to use for office space.

VIII. Library Director's Report-

A. Service Reports:

- The library offered 8 adult programs, 3 teen programs, 17 child programs, and 1 family program in August. Program attendance has increased by 66% from this time last year
- Website visits are up by 59%
- Notary services continue to be frequently used. Thirty-three individuals have utilized this service over the past two months
- Overall circulation of library materials is up by 25% to date from last year
- Thirty-five new or renewed library cards were issued to patrons
- There were seventeen child programs in August. These included Legos in the Library, The Babysitters Club, movies and munchies, crafts, reader's theater, performers, and a jamboree to celebrate the end of summer reading
- Teens participated in a craft and the YMCA came to the library to teach a babysitting class
- Adult programs included the true crime book club, Titanic Escape Room, a presentation by Fred Simpson, a DIY tote bag, cooking for one program, and a back-to-school parents' breakfast
- A bus trip to the Bronx Zoo also took place in August

B. Financial Reports/Bills Paid- 15 % of the overall library budget has been expended. The expenditure on the computer and programming lines is typical for this time of year.

C. Approval for any Bills to be paid- The previously approved shelving bill has been paid. That invoice was \$3019.80

D. Other Library-related news- The part-time librarian, Daniel Sargent has moved out of the country, so the library currently has 2 part-time librarians. The St. Michael's Church lyceum is not available for the library to use moving forward.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

- **Summer Reading**-There was a great increase in participation in summer reading this year. Children ages 0-5 years saw a 61% increase, ages 6-11 saw a 22% increase, ages 12-18 a 42% increase, and adult participation saw a 300% increase. The program librarian also increased the number of programs offered this summer. The number of reading time logged this summer for ages 0-11 was 562 hours.

- **Outdoor Display-** The library has purchased a 3ft x 5ft outdoor display case that will be attached to the building. It will be used to post flyers and information for library events. The goal is to reach more people about events.

- **Logo-**Sample logo was approved.

R Rubino, seconded by Annette Bosley-Boyce. Approved, all aye.

- **Strategic Plan-** Liz Setaro-Posick will work on the strategic plan to be presented at next month's Library Board meeting.
- **Community Center/Senior Center & Construction Grant-** The Board of Selectman plans on using the Wolfe Avenue property to construct a one-story structure to be used as a municipal community and senior center. The town has applied for a grant to cover this. The library staff feels like it would be a good opportunity for the library to be part of the construction.

XI. Executive Session (if needed)

None

XII. Announcements/adjournment

Motion to adjourn by M. MacEachern, seconded by Annette Bosley-Boyce. Approved; all aye.
Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin K. Moffat

Clerk, Library Board