

Baxter Memorial Library Trustee Meeting

July 20, 2023, 6pm

Held online.

In attendance: Lucy Pierpont, Shana Hickman, Emma Basham, Kit Hood, Laura DeCapua, Sandy Johnston, and Karen Rodis

MINUTES

1. Minutes from June 2023 board meeting were approved.

2. Warrants were reviewed and signed.

3. Financials were reviewed with Lucy Pierpont.

Trustees would like clarification on the “grant expense” category. Lucy will get the dues, fees, and subscriptions breakdown. Stocks are down, so Emma will meet with Deb Jones to adjust those. There was discussion about ways to make the budget easier to understand. Shana and Sandy will talk with Deb about creating explanatory sheets for each trustee binder that describe what falls under each budget category.

4. Librarian’s Report

-Shana presented her monthly report. There is an upcoming presentation series with the visiting nurse and hospice for VT and NH starting in September. The talks will be at 5pm.

-Limited attendance at the Show-Off Show, in spite of a Valley News article spotlighting it. Beautiful weather (in an otherwise rainy month) likely interfered with attendance.

-Upcoming activities: Postcard Quilts, Magic the Gathering, Star Party with new telescope. Shana will coordinate with Steve Basham.

-Summer Reading Program is going very well.

-Grants: we have \$75 left of the Summer Grant. Winnie Belle Grant was used to purchase \$500 in books we are waiting to receive. We were invited to apply for the VT Community Foundation Arts & Social Cohesion grant for a twice monthly poetry workshop (deadline is Aug. 1)

5. New Business:

-Little free library: Karen will connect Kevin Gish with George Ostler and Paula Duprat to install.

-Sat volunteers: Laura reports all slots are filled through September.

-Summer programming: The Summer Reading Party is scheduled for August 19. Will have snow cone machine, popcorn, drinks, balloons, music, and drawings for prizes. We will hope for 12 children min. to attend. Shana will email Karen a Save the Date to post on Facebook in the Sharon Group.

-Car/tent issue: Emma will discuss compensating Emerson Gale with the town

-Old Home Day: August 12. We will have a booth with children's books. Bring the quilt to sell raffle tickets. Emma will find out set-up times. Karen will print handouts with upcoming library events, make signs.

7. Old Business:

Town Agreement: Emma will discuss this with Deb.

Next Meeting: Thursday, Aug 17, 2023 at 6pm