

Baxter Memorial Library Trustee Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2024, 5pm

Attendees: Rebekah Bakos-Kallgren, Silvia Moore, Shana Hickman, Emma Basham, Karen Rodis

AGENDA

1. Approved Minutes from May 2024

2. Reviewed and Signed Warrants

3. Reviewed Financials

4. Speaker from the School Board

Silvia asked for community feedback on the school bond vote.

Emma mentioned the interest in having a community library that can serve both community and school. The Baxter library lacks space. Can we work together?

5. Librarian's Report and Updates

- a. Lots of library visits this month. Summer reading events have been well attended. Shana spoke at the all-school assembly at Sharon Elementary and we have had many new families sign up for the summer reading program. The kids are very interested in the stuffy adoption day!
- b. Shana attended the VLA conference and heard presentations on creating safety and security policies, homelessness at rural libraries, professional development and job resources through the state library's new partnership with Gale, serving marginalized populations, and small libraries. Shana gleaned lots of information for building the Baxter library's safety and security and obtained lots of resources for working with housing-insecure people.
- c. Shana received a \$1200 scholarship to attend the ARSL conference in Springfield, MA in September.
- d. Dee Gish would like to hold Civics 101 presentations at the library heading into the election. The board approved.
- e. A request was made for the library to purchase a pass to Treasure Island for \$150. The board declined the request due to the fact that we have a free pass the community can use to access Silver Lake State Park.
- f. Shana would like to find people for a once-a-month music jam in our gazebo. She will reach out to the community via Facebook and list-serv.

- g. A new OPEN flag was needed. Shana obtained one from Ebay for \$12; Emma will take it and install grommets so we can hang it.

6. Public Comment: none

7. Old Business:

- a. Expansion planning:
Survey results were briefly reviewed. The trustees will set a future time to go over them in more detail.
- b. Plant, Book & Bake Sale Recap: discussion tabled to next meeting when all board members will be present

8. New Business: none

Next Meeting: July 18, 2024 at 6pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:05pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Rodis, Secretary