

**Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes from meeting held July 21, 2014**

6:30p.m.

PRESENT: Sonia Naus, Carol Hillestad, Jane Niering, Eileen Durkin, Maureen Siglin, Maryann Miller, Cindy DeLuca, and Wendy Price

EXCUSED: John Seese and Joyce Upright

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Sonia Naus, second by Maureen Siglin; all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The \$3000.00 that we have been waiting for from Mt. Airy was finally received, but is not reflected in this report. Baubles For Books is still selling jewelry in the lobby of the library and Cindy said they sell a few pieces each week. Books and Bubbly did very well due to ticket sales and additional contributions, one to note was a \$500.00 contribution from Carol Saltzman.

The Hughes Foundation Grants, 2 separate grants, will be spent on children's computers and children's books, DVDs, audio books, and children services.

It is WONDERFUL to see a very blank area under Liabilities on the balance sheet!!!!

Eileen Durkin moved to file the Treasurer's Report for audit.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Cindy noted that the volunteer number was down a bit because some of these folks were away, however the number of hours held steady due to two volunteers, Donna Dunning and Al Rauch who are always willing to fill in when the other volunteers are away.

Reviewing the statistics, Cindy noted that the most popular category of circ is for new materials -- fiction, bio, mystery & non-fiction. Also noted was the fact that the adult large print books are all current best-sellers. In all, our circulation was up for June.

BUILDING REPORT: Look up! The ceiling in the Weiler Family Community Room was repaired by Greg Baetzel at a cost of \$500.

Cindy is going to call Stan Seese to schedule the repair of the curbing outside before winter weather sets in. His estimate for the repair was \$1955.00. Carol is going to check on the status of the Lowes' Grant which will help to offset this expense. Cindy is also going to begin to gather quotes for a new sign for outside the library. This will be used to advertise current happenings at the library and Karl Weiler has agreed to pay for this new structure.

The library experienced some power outages in only parts of the building due to lightning. It was discovered that a number of other buildings in the area experienced the same problem. Lightning also hit our water pump and had to be replaced by Karl Forsell. This may cost us \$1k to \$2k. Cindy is going to call the insurance company to see about our deductible and coverage for this. There were issues with toilets flushing and the men's urinal overflowing due to dirt in the lines from when Karl flushed the lines, but he fixed this problem today.

FUNDRAISING: Books and Bubbly, held in June, was a nice success as was already mentioned in the Treasurer's report. The Friends Letter was sent out and has already generated \$7,335.00. LOL for the library is scheduled for August 23rd. There are already two comedians scheduled and they are working on

possibly getting two more. A number of auction prizes have already been secured with more in the works. The House Tour plans are sluggish. Maryann has someone who may offer their house trailer. Otherwise there are only two houses so far and two gardens which may not be enough to hold the event. A decision will be made by the end of the week.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion continued about defining our policy for the use of the Weiler Room for political candidates and whether or not we should charge a fee to them. Currently, non-profit organizations can use the room for free. At one of the other library's, unclear if it is Easton or Eastern Monroe, someone makes the decision on a case to case basis as to whether or not to charge a fee. We do not feel that Cindy should have to do that, but we are still not in agreement as to what our policy should be. We agreed to table this topic.

NEW BUSINESS: The Paradise Supervisors will be meeting on August 7th and the library's request for a millage increase will be on their agenda. The board is all encouraged to attend this meeting. We were all given a fact sheet about the library and how it serves the community to help us answer questions that may be asked of us. Also, Carol presented the board with a draft letter to be sent to Mr. Huff on the board's behalf in response to his emails. A couple of changes were suggested. One being to mention that we have already responded to his questions, although in his email he stated that he had not heard from any of the board members, and also to mention Cindy's years of experience in the letter.

A motion to send this letter via email to Mr. Huff, after the final draft is approved, on behalf of the board of trustees was made by Maureen Siglin, second by Sonia Naus, all were in favor.

It was mentioned that Molly Bender has decided not to join the board due to work scheduling conflicts. Also, John Whitesell didn't feel it was a good fit for him at this time.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 by Sonia Naus.

Next meeting: August 18, 2014 at 6:30p.m.