

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of July 25, 2022
Meeting held in person in Weiler Family Room & via Zoom

In Attendance: Lisa Flanagan, President; Cindy Cook, Secretary. Trustees: Brette Fulton; Richard Leist; Linda Potter; Darryl Speicher; Mike Stein (via Zoom); Julie Wynne. Mary Ann Lewis, Library Director.
Absent: Diane Conklin, Vice President; Deb Boyle, Treasurer; Julie Niering.

Lisa Flanagan called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Minutes of the June 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with revisions. Linda Potter made the motion, Julie Wynne second, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report- Mary Ann Lewis reviewed the Treasurer's Report and stated overall our regular operating expenses are on target. The budget is also on target even with the additional Geo-Thermal expense. Discussion took place about the Barrett Township library tax contributions. Motion to file the Treasurer's Report pending review of entries in question made by Cindy Cook.

Library Director's Report- Volunteer numbers are starting to increase, the numbers include Access volunteers and community service hours. Reference statistics are estimated due to new staff getting used to keeping track. The StoryWalk stations have been installed at Ice Lake. Chelsea is working with PARC and Barrett Township Supervisors to plan a celebration. The library hours have been expanded to staying open until 8:00pm on Wednesday and until 5:00pm on Saturdays. Discussion took place as to when evening programs would begin and Mary Ann stated hopefully in the fall. **Circulation report**- There was a bit of an increase over June but still in line with this time of the year. We are seeing a few more visitors which is typical for the summer. **Programs**-in person programs are well attended, 146 people attended 8 programs.

Building Report-The library is experiencing water quality issues and at this time it appears our options are to either scope the existing well, drill a new well or install a sanitizing system. We will need to let DEP know by the end of August what our plan will be. We are also speaking with Karl Forssell and will speak to Brick Linder about our possible options. Another geo-thermal unit must be replaced, discussion took place about getting another opinion about our units; it was agreed to get a second opinion. We received an estimate for the sidewalk concrete repair and it was higher than expected. It was suggested to ask the Paradise Township maintenance crew to see if they could take a look at it. Landscaping and mulching has started and will be completed soon. Darryl will check on fixing the closing mechanism on the front door.

Fundraising-The new Friends annual appeal letter has been sent out and we have received about 30 responses but do not have a total amount at this time. LOL is falling into place; the committee has collected about 13-14 live auction items and there are also about 2 dozen silent auction items. Ticket sales are going well. Julie Wynne went over some of the live auction items collected. They include art work, Toy Soldier Museum private tour, Skytop Adventure Center, & Crayola Experience. Richard Leist asked if there were any stakeholders of the library that may want to attend but possibly not be able to afford to. He offered a sponsorship. Mary Ann said it's something they would consider and get back to him.

Grants-The searchable History public site is active on the website. Darryl Speicher said that the Barrett Township Historical Society is going to add a link on their website for it as well.

Hughes Grant-Configuration of new computer tables and chairs needs to be decided.

Darryl noted that a train excursion is coming to the Cresco Train Station from Scranton on Sunday and the library will be represented by Chelsea and Mary Ann.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:29pm by Darryl and seconded by Brette.

Next meeting: August 22, 2022 at 5:30pm.