

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2025

Meeting held in the Weiler Family Community Room with a virtual option

In Attendance: Mike Stein, President; Julie Wynne, Vice President; Cindy Cook, Secretary. Trustees: Judi Jabara, Nancy Lewis, Julie Niering, Maureen Siglin, Darryl Speicher. Mary Ann Lewis, Library Director. Richard Leist, Treasurer, attended virtually. Brette Fulton was not in attendance.

Mike Stein, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The minutes of the January 27, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve the minutes, Julie Wynne seconded, and all were in favor. Julie Niering abstained due to not attending the January meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Leist reviewed all the reports and stated all remains the same. Darryl Speicher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Maureen Siglin seconded and all were in favor. Richard Leist abstained.

Library Director's Report – Mary Ann Lewis stated there were fewer volunteer hours in January due to weather, illness, and vacations. The visitor numbers are good for this time of the year. Mary Ann noted that moving forward the reference question numbers will probably drop due to a change in how they are reported to the state. The annual report is in progress. Frontline Online staff training went very well. The sessions were live but they were also taped so any staff who could not participate has until March 10 to view the sessions. Mary Ann and Lynn hosted a training session on readers' advisory and Mary Ann reported that it went very well. Mary Ann shared the library goodness for this month was a patron sending a letter to the library thanking the staff for their kindness.

Circulation stats are looking good for this time of the year. Mary Ann introduced Tonies at the meeting, a new audio learning tool the library is offering thanks to the initiative of Chelsea Corso, our Youth Librarian. They have been very popular. The library has about twenty (20) Tonies available as well as two (2) players. The library also has eight WhaZoodle audio learning products available for checkout. Program stats report sheet has a new look in order to simplify compiling info for the annual state report. The keyboarding program is going very well and a new session will begin at the end of March. A new group for crafters called Sit and Stich is forming. A children's program called Oodles of Foodles in honor of Dr. Seuss will be offered this Saturday. Blind Date with a Book is going on to the end of the month.

Building Report – In reference to the Geothermal repair, Super Heat Inc. will start with a full-service maintenance to the system to see how the system is operating and then put together a plan. New toilet seats have been installed as the original ones were becoming more difficult to maintain. Dave Price from Price Brothers Electric investigated a strange odor in the building that may have been coming from the lights. Everything checked out ok and he feels a ballast may have burned out. Dave will be returning to the library to replace some burned out lights. Mary Ann noted snow and ice removal is going ok.

Fundraising – The Friends Letter has generated \$20,720.12 with 210 donors to date. The total has surpassed the 2024 grand total by \$714.00.

The Flower show bus trip will be held Tuesday March 4, 2025; it is a joint event with The Friendly Community Center. Forty-eight (48) people have signed up. The costs have been covered and a small profit will be split between the library and the community center.

Grants and Donations – Hughes Grant applications are due in April.

New Business – Mike Stein noted the May meeting falls on Memorial Day. Julie Wynne made a motion to hold the meeting on Tuesday May 27, 2025. Darryl Speicher seconded and all were in favor.

Old Business – Julie Niering asked for an update on the library directors' recognition plaque. Maureen Siglin stated she has been working on it and getting the history closer to being complete. Julie Niering said she can help with the research when she is not in school this summer.

Miscellaneous-Richard Leist asked if the board would like Jeff Weekes from Morgan Stanley to give a presentation on our investment status. The board was very interested. Richard will arrange with Jeff a date for the presentation.

Darryl Speicher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., Julie Niering seconded and all were in favor.

The next meeting will be held March 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.