

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025 (Rescheduled from May 26, 2025, due to Memorial Day)
Meeting held in the Weiler Family Community Room with a virtual option

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

Mike Stein, President, called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

The minutes of the April 28, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Darryl Speicher made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Brette Fulton seconded, and all were in favor. Richard Leist and Judi Jabara abstained due to not being present at the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Richard Leist reported that the financial picture of the library looks good. Discussion took place about grant spending. Julie Wynne made a motion to accept the report, Julie Niering seconded, and all were in favor. Richard Leist abstained.

Library Director's Report – Mary Ann reported that the visitor numbers are steady. The Barrett Historical Society's program went very well with forty (40) people attending. Mary Ann attended a Barrett Township Business Roundtable meeting. The Searchable History consultant, Dave Obringer, met with Mary Ann and Aaron Imbt from the The Paradise Historical Society. Buck Hill community and Paradise Township items are currently being scanned. Barrett Township items will eventually be included. Chelsea installed a bird feeder with a camera on the library porch and is working on getting a live stream on the website. The art display is changing this month with Liz Tilley as the featured artist. Mary Ann commented that patrons often express appreciation for the library, including someone who recently left a note thanking us for our patience for letting her take longer to return a book as she was just getting back into reading again.

Circulation Stats are typical for this time of the year; the stats are ahead of the same time last year but a little down from last month.

Programs are going well; the Family Place programs were very successful. The library is gearing up for the summer reading program with the theme Color Our World. Kid's activities begin with a kick-off party in late June. Adults can track reading & activities on a "bingo" sheet through the summer. AARP is going to present a consumer fraud program.

Building Report – The new hot water heater under the kitchen sink has been installed. The pull handle broke off the front door but has been repaired and is working correctly. Almost all the light bulbs that needed to be replaced have been taken care of. The display case light still needs to be replaced.

Fundraising – The Friends Letter has generated \$21,480.12 from two hundred sixteen (216) donors. The total has surpassed the 2024 grand total by \$1,473.00. The new letter is being worked on and Mary Ann hopes to have it sent late June or early July. Books and Bubbly will be held Friday, June 13, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and tickets are being sold. There are thirteen (13) confirmed stations with three (3) to

four (4) more pending. Judi and Nancy are assisting the night of the event. Daniel Lane will provide the music and Julie Niering will provide greenery arrangements.

LOL Comedy Night will be held August 2, at the Buck Hill Tennis Tee; the planning is in motion and auction prizes are coming in.

Grants and Donations –The Dale and Francis Hughes Grant has been submitted.

New Business - None

Old Business – Discussion took place last meeting about transferring \$10,000.00 from Morgan Stanley savings account to the checking account so a deficit would not be reflected in the financial reports as the library waits for the tax revenue to come in and it was decided to have Richard Leist review the situation.

Richard spoke about the bank account and said the grant language should guide our actions and he will review. Richard also stated if good bookkeeping practices are being followed, he is not concerned about the quick book reports. A decision on this will be made once Richard looks over the documents.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m. Brette made a motion, Julie W. second, and all were in favor.

The next meeting will be held Monday June 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Weiler Family Community Room with a virtual option.