

**Bedford Village Free Library**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 10, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE:**

In-person – Ann Cloonan, Caroline DeFilippo, Ted Eigel, Colleen Gelfand, Scott Harrison, Ray Infarinato, Artika Loganathan, Olivia Peters, Margaret Scott, Alison Todd

**BOARD GOVERNANCE:**

WELCOME to our new trustees, Alison and Artika!! And a very fond farewell to our long-time, esteemed trustees, Ray and Margaret, who have given many years of service to the Board.

We circulated the annual document containing all trustees' current contact information and necessary edits were made.

The December meeting minutes were approved.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

The state of our finances continues to be strong. Last year's budget did call for us to take a larger chunk of the reserve than we ended up taking by the end of the year, thus our cash balance may currently appear to be a bit lower. But annual appeal donations continue to roll in, and the second push will be in early 2024, so that is temporary.

**DIRECTOR'S UPDATE:**

Annual appeal update: as of January 3, we have had more contributions (# of donors) this year than we did at this time last year. Additionally, Robyn is still counting the backdated checks.

The new slate of trustees was approved:

Scott Harrison, President  
Colleen Gelfand, Vice President  
Ted Eigel, Treasurer  
Olivia Peters, Secretary  
Caroline DeFilippo  
Artika Loganathan  
Alison Todd

The December children's programming was a success, and all the Mommy/Baby classes for the upcoming session quickly filled.

Jen Chau Fontan will be starting a new crocheting program at the library this month.

The high school writing contest is approaching; submissions are due in February, and both fiction and nonfiction essays are accepted.

Adult Programming: The craft circle, canasta, and Mahjong continue to meet.

The staff holiday party was a success (and thank you to the trustees who attended as well)!

We have a new volunteer, Diana Knoblauch, who is wonderfully enthusiastic.

We briefly touched on annual staff reviews and planning ahead for 2024; we will cover those in greater depth at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.