

Bedford Village Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
January 15th, 2025

Attendance: Scott Harrison, Ann Cloonan, Caroline DeFilippo, Colleen Gelfand
Absent: Artika Loganathan, Alison Todd,

Meeting began: 7:10 PM

Minutes: approved from prior meeting

Financial Updates:

- ARPA Funding came in (\$49,000)
- Appeal is doing very well, budgeted \$105,000 for 2024 and brought in \$133,440
- Year end for 2024 we were under budget as a result of both of these factors
- To add additional people to access Fidelity account (currently just John Talty, recommend Director, President and Treasurer)

414 Update:

- Arlene led most recent meeting
- Awaiting clarification if the dollars approved are a mill rate vs flat rate
- Aim for BFL to request 85% funding rate
- Need for campaign manager- working on interviews
- Next major milestones
 - Obtain legal counsel
 - Campaign manager
 - Community workshops start in February

Strategic Plan: first meeting occurred yesterday

- Expectation that there is a plan created just for the BFL not Katonah and BFL combined

Community Meeting

- Moving forward to pre meet with consultants to review slide deck 48 hours prior to meeting
- Next meetings Feb 11th

Community survey

- Survey is up and running with nearly 600 responses with survey to end Jan 17, 2025
- Request to be able to review the raw data

Staff Review

- All staff were reviewed with appropriate pay raises allocated
- It is a diverse group of highly talented individuals

Director's update

- Annual appeal \$81,600 from 412 last year, \$86,169 with 392 donors
 - First time gifts are coming in
 - \$10,000 gift is our most significant gift from David Worby
- Sip and Stitch started today
- Cooking class with Christa is occurring in late January
 - considering mini camp this summer
 - Use "When Grandmas Cook" book by Margot Mustich
- Bedford Babies continues with recent infant feeding class occurring
 - Infant Feeding class will occur monthly moving forward
- Feb 4th and 5th creating valentines for adults and children
 - Valentines for community will be delivered
- Contributing to Kidding Around in Record Review
- High school writing contest to start in February
- Maureen farewell party feb 13th 3-5pm public and staff afterwards starting at 6pm
- Ongoing requests to partner with community groups on activities

Next meeting moved from 2/19 to 2/26 at 7PM

Meeting Adjourned 8:15PM