

Bedford Village Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2024

Attendance: Scott Harrison, Ann Cloonan, Caroline DeFilippo, Artika Loganathan, Alison Todd, Colleen Gelfand, Ted Eigel, Kelly Crummy, Christa Ramage

Minutes: approved from prior meeting

Summer Programs presented by Kelly:

- 6/12/24 – kick-off
- Theme for this summer is “Adventure Begins at the Library” with weekly themes.
- Children entering kindergarten will have passports to track reading progress.
- 6/13 - Preschool Storytime with books about community helpers and invitees from the community – nurse, firefighter, etc.
- 6/15 – Truck Day – DeCiccio’s to confirm as food vendor, G.E. Brown unavailable
- Drop-in Preschool Crafts throughout summer – “Create with Christa”, “Shark Week”, “Map Coasters.”
- Book Buddies
- Stuffed animal sleepover
- Discovery Center

414 Funding Meeting with Bedford Hills and Katonah Library

- All three libraries agreed to pursue 414 funding.
- Verbal consensus achieved for 2025 start but no response has yet been sent to Town Supervisor, Ellen. Response is due 5/24.
- Verbiage on the ballot can be tailored to ensure the message is clear for voters.
- Ann away for 2 weeks starting 5/10- Scott to act as contact for 414 funding communication with other libraries while Ann is away.
- Ann to email other libraries before leaving to ensure Ellen is aware that libraries have met and will provide a final decision by 5/24.

Director’s Update

- 5/22 Ice Cream Social @ 3pm. We need more scoopers (Scott, Colleen confirmed) – wear pink or pastel colors.
- Annual Appeal: >\$109,000 from annual appeal – many donations from new cardholders and first-time donors, average donation was \$200, personal notes written on letters were helpful.
- Author talks: Carola Lovering 4/25 and 5/9 with local authors speaking about journey to publishing, sold 25 books.
- Kindergarteners from BVES visited to obtain new Library Cards ~30 students – may be better to conduct this in smaller groups next time
- Museum passes expanded to include Empire Pass and Westchester Children’s Museum, Scott to inquire about adding Math Museum in NYC

- Staff update: Diana hired for Monday and Thursday 1/2 days and summer fill-in.
- Community: OHHO opening in June next door, to serve pizza, wine/beer

Treasurer's Update:

- We are in good standing
- No new updates or concerns

Governance

- Inquire about Maryel, Margie Sinak, Katie Sise as potential trustees.
- Caroline will take on the secretary role.
- Next meeting 6/19 (Juneteenth)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm