

## **Bedford Village Free Library**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 4, 2023**

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

In-person – Ann Cloonan, Caroline DeFilippo, Ted Eigel, Colleen Gelfand, Scott Harrison, Ray Infarinato; Zoom – Olivia Peters, Margaret Scott

Start at 7:23

Summer was great.

Start with Monthly finances. The State of our finances remains strong. We are taking periodic, prudent withdrawals from our reserves.

We had a strong year in the Annual appeal with almost 600 donors.

Discussion about meeting with Town Government. Ray, Ann and Ted met with Ellen and Bobbi. The group had a cordial discussion about budget funding across all three Bedford Libraries. Next discussion is 10/10/23 in a public forum.

Trustees required to do minimum 2-hour training in the 2023. Ray will send an email with suggestions.

Director's update:

Annual appeal - please take some names from Rob Oden's list of donors

Children's activities this summer were excellent - including 3 mini camps....sewing, chess and theatre. Led by staff, they were very well attended.

Middle school activities are also well attended. Specifically, the Battle of Books has a good group of kids.

Adult programs - Canasta, Mahjong are very popular. Crafting has a steady group - WLS has donated 4 sewing machines to the library when their program ended.

Coffee and Conversation with Artika Longathan will be this fall.

Library will also be offering Narcan training in November.

Note that we are using QR codes on all of our sign ups to facilitate going to the right web page.

Cupola will be fixed this fall. Deck has been stained. And furniture has been stained too.

Meeting ended at 8:38pm.