

Bedford Village Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Via Zoom - Ann Cloonan, Ted Eigel, Scott Harrison, Ray Infarinato, Rob Oden, Olivia Peters, Margaret Scott. Absent - Colleen Gelfand.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Minutes from the October Board meeting to be approved by November 7.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Ted reviewed current financials which remain strong. Ann is hopeful that the Town of Bedford will commit to the amount requested at the September meeting. The application for forgiveness of the PPP loan continues to be under review.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Staff

Two of the adult volunteers returned to help with the Annual Appeal. Schedule for full return is TBD.

Technology

The cabling for the Wifi and computers is complete. Wifi is up and running. It is fast and efficient, and a huge improvement. Staff computers have been switched - also a vast improvement on the previous system. All the ChromeBooks have been replaced with 2 laptops and 3 computers. They have all been secured and will be updated regularly by Network Solutions. Public Access computers will be replaced when the new monitors are delivered.

Children's programming

Programs continue to take place outside very successfully.

Kindergarten Visits - as last year's event was canceled, the 1st Graders came for a storytime on the Green followed by a tour of the Library. Each of the 3 classes came separately.

Storytime with Rochambeau Farm - this was a huge success with approx. 75 attendees. It was a Halloween theme. Ann hopes to continue this collaboration.

Tails and Trails with BRLA - there was another great turnout for the last one of the season. Ann hopes to continue this collaboration also.

Candy Houses - this is now full with a waiting list. Ann is still hoping to do this in the Library safely.

Elf Yourself - there are a few spaces available. It is expected to be full.

Adult programming

Italian Language and Culture is continuing on Zoom through December.

Knitters continue to meet every two weeks on Zoom. They recently met on the back porch on alternating weeks.

Author Talk - David Fishman will discuss The Book Smugglers via Zoom in November. This is in collaboration with Lewisboro, Chappaqua and North Salem libraries.

12 Day Holiday Countdown, Take It or Leave It - this is in collaboration with Pound Ridge and Lewisboro. Jamie Novak, author of Keep This Toss That, will talk on Zoom about her 12 days of tiny tasks to help you prepare for an enjoyable and clutter free holiday season.

Downloading with Charlie - Charlie Kalarchian is back to provide in person, one-on-one help with downloading library material. Patrons can sign up for a 30 minute session.

Annual Appeal

This has been mailed. Robyn thanked the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Board for their participation which is key to the success of the Appeal.

Building and Maintenance

HVAC - the work was set back by hurricane IDA. All of the necessary equipment has finally been delivered. Ann hopes the work will be completed by the end of November.

Fence - as this has to go before Historic Review, it will be addressed in the spring.

WLS UPDATE

The Library is in discussion about past IT services with the current WLS CFO.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.