

Bedford Village Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
December 17th, 2024

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

Absent: Ted Eigel

Meeting began: 7:15PM

Minutes: approved from prior meeting

414 Update:

Arlene is a volunteer who is helping coordinate meetings and keep agendas on track

Meets with directors q2 weeks

Consultant is still in place as well to help with strategic plan development

Survey is live and out in library blast which will close out 1/17/25

Staff survey is out as well

Subcommittees members have been identified - to consider adding Ester Aguzzi as well

Strategic Planning Meetings to start in January

Financial updates: stable financial update provided via email

Director's update

- Annual appeal is live, this year we are already ahead of donations. Average donation up from \$185 to \$223 including new donations
 - December online donations not processed yet
 - New programs have elicited a large number of donations
- David Worby has endowed a 5 year program for Creative Aging program for 6-8 week workshops with funds coming in this week. Plan to start in approximately March 2025
 - Consider doing a talk on preparing for dying
- Ethan Klein completed lego program which will start again in January
- Elf Yourself and Sounds of the Season were a big success (full with waiting list) • Candy Houses are 12/19/2024
- Shine Bright Bedford: collected over 400 luminary bags between multiple sources • 700 people attended the tree lighting
 - Raffle for ringing the bell was well received (40 entries)
- Crochet finished today with Jen and Lulu
- January to start infant feeding group with Alex White
- Battle of the Books made cover of The Recorder
- Staff updates
 - Maureen is transitioning Alix (will take on expanded role from 3 to 4 days)
 - Staff reviews to be done in January meeting to be in place before 1st paycheck at end of January
 - Sustainable Westchester offering business and non profits to join grid with guaranteed to at least save 5%
- Challenge with guests from OHHO damaging garden and furniture

Meeting Adjourned 8:00PM