

Bedford Village Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
September 17th, 2025

Attendance: Scott Harrison, Alison Todd, Artika Loganathan, Ann Cloonan, Caroline DeFilippo, Colleen Gelfand, Ted Eigel which represents a quorum of the Board

Meeting began: 7:36 PM

Minutes: approved from June meeting

414 Update:

- Presentation to public 9/18/26 at Bedford Hills Community Center
- Town board presentation occurred recently
- Press updates in Recorder and local papers
- Website is active
- Promotion is occurring through other local businesses

Financial update:

- Finances are stable and consistent with prior years
- Awaiting one final payment from town
- large unrestricted gift received in July from an IRA

Strategic plan:

- Ann is distributing to key stakeholders and is on website

Director's update

- Over 300 people participated in Book Buddies
- Cooking classes were well received
 - Pizza in the garden was a big hit
- Stuffed animal sleepover, shark week and storytime at Bedford Farms well received
- Lego club very popular
- Reading game did not get as great engagement
 - discussed barriers for future years
- 20 girls and 12 boys attended What to Expect in Middle School
- Battle of the Books has already started for 2025
 - October 25th is the Battle
- Alix is running a Dungeons and Dragons program on Tuesdays
- Creative aging: completed 3D bookmaking. Memoir writing has 11 participants and very engaged group.
- Annual appeal timeline discussed
- Technology: need to upgrade to Windows 11 which will require some computers being replaced including purchasing a new laptop which will cost \$5000. This was approved by the board unanimously.
- Walk and talk occurring on October 8th and then go to Bedford Books and get 10% of book

Future discussion

- Additional board members to potentially include Maureen

Quote of the meeting: "The library is not just for the bookends of life."

Next Meeting October 15th, 7PM, plan for meetings on 3rd Wednesday of month at 7pm for this year