

Burlington Public Library Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2024, 7:00pm

Attendees: Jodi Papazian, Jenn Cavallari, Teri Beck, Debbie Fields, Mary Art, Sanford Mazeau, Sarah McCusker, Daniel Cooper and Craig Winter. Absent: Sandy Hierl

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes: Approved by Craig Winter and seconded by Debbie Fields

4. Correspondence: A notification of bankruptcy letter from Joann's Fabrics regarding Creativebug with no action needed from the library.

5. Ongoing Business:

a. **Friends of the Library**

- The budget cannot compare to last year because the book sale was before April 4, but have an increase with donations.
- Book Sale will be held from April 4-6, including a food truck on Friday 11a-2p.

b. **March 8th Event**

- Echoes of Yesterday event was well attended by all age groups and the feedback was excellent.

c. **Library Lane Sign**

- The sign came in the week of the Echoes of Yesterday event, so shout out to the Burlington Highway Dept for working through the bad weather but getting the sign up before the event.

d. **Solar Panel:**

- The company came to the library to take measurements and installed an electrical panel. The company is finishing up at the Town Hall and then will move to work on the library. More information to come.

6 New Business:

- A grant was submitted to the Main Street Foundation for \$6000.00. This money will go towards Hoopla and its ever-growing budget. If the library doesn't obtain the grant, Hoopla may have to be discontinued. The usage is only 4% of the patrons which totals about 118 patrons. Overdrive will still be available for use.

7. Director's Report:

a. **Library Statistics:**

Monthly statistics were reviewed. LSC (Library Speaker Consortium) has had many views. The library is planning a watch party in May or June. The self-directed participants increased for all ages this month due to the art kits that were handed out for the Art Display. Big shout out to April for helping drive this program.

b. **Budget:**

Budget is right where it should be. We will be replacing Tumblebooks with Educational Worksheet Databases for K-12.

c. **Building Report:**

The solar panels as mentioned before. Also still trying to get the lighting for the different areas of the library as well as outside for the staff at night. We are still looking at the water refilling station to be added to the library. Mention from Craig that there are 2 broken gutters/down spouts. Jodi will mention to Scott.

d. **Upcoming News and Events:**

The Burlington Land Trust will put pollinators on the embankment behind the retaining wall with perennials.

The Friends have asked the United Way to consider sending 6 volunteers to help with weeding under the advisement of the Garden Club for their annual Day of Caring.

We have started our seed library with donations from UConn Master Gardener Program, Ocean State Lot, Burpee, and Canton Shop Rite. Patrons can take up to 5 seed packets.

Tiny Art Reception is April 16 from 6:30-7:30

Summer Reading Programs are being planned.

- e. Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 7th at 7 PM.

8. Adjournment: 7:55pm

Motion to adjourn by Craig Winter and Mary A

Submitted by Teri Beck