

Barker Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 9, 2024
Barker Public Library, Barker, NY

- Present:** Board of Trustees: Cynthia Harris, Lisa Thompson, Ashley Grabowski,
Vernetta Kenyon, Brian Carmer
- Absent:** Kathy Smith
- Call to Order:** Vice President Cynthia Harris called the meeting to order at 6:01pm with the
Pledge to the Flag.
- Meeting Minutes:** Approval of the minutes from July 8, 2024 was moved for approval by Trustee
Kenyon and seconded by Trustee Grabowski. All voted Aye.

Approval of the minutes from August 21, 2024 was moved for approval by
Trustee Grabowski and seconded by Trustee Kenyon. All voted Aye.
- Treasurers Report:** A motion to approve the Treasurers Report was made by Trustee Carmer and
seconded by Trustee Kenyon. All voted Aye.
- President's Report:** President Smith was away on vacation for this meeting, but she continues to stay
in contact with the Village Clerk & Mayor to address a few miscellaneous items
regarding the new library.

Upcoming Trustee Training (ZOOM):
- Mission & Strategic Planning, Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 6:00 to 8:00pm
 - Legal Tips for Leading High Performing and Rewarding Boards, Wednesday,
October 23, 2024, 6:00 to 8:00pm
- Director's Report:** Director Thompson reported the following:

Library Assistant Carrie asked the board to consider Trunk or Treat Event. It was
asked if the library would provide the treats for those participating, or if those
participating will provide them. These details will be worked out prior to the

event and they will be shared via email if approvals are needed for purchasing the candy, etc.

Proposal for a Digital Sign was discussed. Price starts around \$20k and can go up as high as ~ \$75k. The expense and location were brought up, but no decisions were made. More discussion is needed, so this will be revisited at the next scheduled board meeting.

A new larger shed to replace the smaller shed was brought up because the smaller one is filled and the limited storage in the new building is not enough. If the larger shed is approved to move forward, a size will need to be determined and quotes will be needed. There was further discussion regarding turning the smaller shed into a book shed, Santa Cottage, selling it, etc., but no decisions were made. This will be revisited again at the next board meeting.

With the Nintendo Switch Gaming System for the Teen Corner, a policy will be needed. Currently, the Teen Corner and Nintendo Switch Gaming System is for 14 years and up due to the YA collection residing in this location. Director Thompson will research this further and will have a policy for the next board meeting.

Director Thompson's lock for her office is opened with a universal key, so she will be getting a new lock for her office door that is not able to be opened with a universal key. Spare key or keys will be given to appropriate personnel.

Director Thompson will be checking with Mark from the Village to see if he has the bike rack or knows where it's at so that it can be placed on the righthand side of the building.

Old Business:

Anti-Nepotism Policy was reviewed and no changes were required. A motion to approve the Anti-Nepotism Policy with no changes was made by Trustee Kenyon and seconded by Trustee Grabowski. All voted Aye.

Trustee Kenyon and Trustee Grabowski volunteered to be on the committee to work on the Long-Range Plan with President Smith. A meeting date and time will be decided at a later date. It was noted that the Long-Range Plan was last done in 2020.

The Library Grand opening on August 24, 2024 from 10:00am – 12:00pm was well attended, well received, and went smoothly.

New Business:

A motion to approve the purchases of the following; Table and Chairs from Raymour and Flanigan for \$1,724.96; Children's Book Shelving from Amazon for \$3,048.78; Octagon Shelf from Brodart for \$3,26.24; Security cameras by

Armored & Security Systems for \$1,925, was made by Trustee Grabowski and seconded by Trustee Carmer. All voted Aye.

A motion to approve hiring Carrie Wright as Sr. Clerk for \$17 per hour was made by Trustee Kenyon and seconded by Trustee Grabowski. All voted Aye.

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Barker Public Library.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Trustee Kenyon at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brian Carmer, Secretary