

Bath Township Public Library
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Present: (Board Members) Sue Garrity, Lynn Bergen, Larry Fewins-Bliss,
Audrey Barton, Ken Jensen
(Library Director & Staff) Kristie Reynolds

Absent: Theresa Kidd

Public Present: Nayeli Bancroft

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Regular Business:

- The meeting called to order at 6:02 pm
- Moment of civic reflection.
- Larry motions to approve the agenda, Lynn supports, all in favor.
- Public comment: none
- Disclosures of conflict of interest: none
- Ken motions to approve the minutes. Larry supports, all in favor.

Financial Report:

Please see the full Treasurer's Report in the January meeting packet. BTPL closed out 2023 by staying within the set budget, using roughly 99% of the expected funds. The new banking account set-up is already drawing interest! Ken motions to accept the financial report and Audrey supports it, all in favor.

Director Report:

Please see the full Director's Report in the January meeting packet. December was a busy month at BTPL! Much of the library was decorated to look like a gingerbread house – WOW! These decorations will stay up for a few more weeks, as they'll be incorporated into an Alice in Wonderland tea party celebration. Throughout the month, the library hosted numerous programs and partook in community events like the RESA holiday event, and the Bath Township tree lighting ceremony. In addition to the in-person events, BTPL staff filmed and shared the 24 Days of Christmas Story Time videos posted on TikTok, YouTube, and Facebook. The Toys for Tots drive, diaper drive, and collection of

donated hand-knit items were all successful, too.

Kristie continues to promote Michigan Notable Author information and events at BTPL and the state level. She also continues to make connections through the Library of Michigan, and Jana has joined two committees (including the American Libraries Rural Association).

This has been a year of growth for BTPL – not only in patron numbers and the collection, but also in the development of programming, policies, and goals. Community programming has expanded dramatically and offers an abundance of crafts and events for teens and adults.

Unfinished Business – Items for Discussion

- Options for forming a District Library – Kristie plans to meet with the new superintendent, who is expected in June.
- PTO Policy changes - Kristie continues to tweak the policy and will send along a final version for approval in the coming week.

Unfinished Business – Items for Action

- Possible vote re: PTO Policy

New Business - Items for Discussion

- none

Items for Action

- none

Closing

Public Comment:

Board Member Comments: Lynn stressed the importance of building safety and reintroduced the idea of installing an emergency exit at the rear of the building. She asks that it be added to next month's agenda. Kristie suggested that we begin thinking about the library's permanent space, in the next 10 to 15 years. Our current space is leased. Larry adds that the districting process is the priority, as future partners may influence future spaces. The discussion moved to evaluating the current space and its limits, and how to best serve the township and many visitors from neighboring communities. Sue adds a big thank you to the library for allowing her church's committee to use the space at BTPL for a meeting, last week. The group greatly appreciated the welcoming space, at the last minute. Lynn thanks Joana for treating her dear friend so well on a recent visit.

Ken motions to adjourn the meeting at 6:53. Larry seconds, all in favor.

(Minutes recorded by Audrey Barton, Secretary)