

## **Bath Township Public Library**

### *Meeting Minutes*

*Wednesday, November 15, 2023*

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

*Absent:* Ken Jensen

*Public Present:* Nayeli (Joana) Bancroft, Jana Slisher, Two representatives from  
Waggoner Financial

*Next meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 6:00 pm*

### **I. Regular Business**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm
- b. Moment of civic reflection.
- c. Larry **motions** to approve the agenda, Theresa supports, all in favor.
- d. Public comment: none
- e. Disclosures of conflict of interest: none
- f. Theresa **motions** to approve the minutes. Lynn supports, all in favor.

### **II. Insert - Presentation by Waggoner Financial** - regarding investment options in the current market.

### **III. Financial Report**

Please see the full Treasurer's Report in the November meeting packet. The library has a healthy financial status as we near the end of the year. Audrey **motions** to accept the financial report, and Sue supports, all in favor.

### **IV. Director Report**

Please see the full Director's Report in the November meeting packet. The library continues to provide fun and inventive programming for the community. This month, BTPL recognizes indigenous peoples with a wonderful building-wide display. The staff continues to make inroads in the community as well, reaching out to the senior center and PTO to provide education, entertainment, and even healthy snacks!

October was a busy month with conferences and committees for Kristie, Nayeli, and Jana. Jana reports that attending the national conference for small and rural libraries was exciting and inspiring. Nayeli enjoyed the MLA conference, which focused in part on challenges to collections, and how to best approach these situations. The conference also discussed innovative ways to help different facets of the community, like those dealing with cognitive decline. BTPL has already begun offering take-home brain teasers.

Once again, engagement at BTPL is way up! More borrowed items, more events and attendees, and lots more fun.

#### **V. Unfinished Business – Items for Discussion**

- a. Options for forming a District Library – Kristie has spoken with Laingsburg’s library about their plans for the future. She has also broached the idea of partnering with the public school system, which is an interesting process full of potential benefits for the community. Kristie and the Board will keep this possibility in mind, but in this exploratory stage, no decisions are needed.

#### **VI. Unfinished Business – Items for Action**

- a. none

#### **VII. New Business - Items for Discussion**

- a. Fund Investment Possibilities – no vote, with the goal of further investigation.

#### **VIII. Items for Action**

- a. Potential Vote on Fund Investments

#### **IX. Closing**

- a. Public Comment: none
- b. Board Member Comments: Sue mentions that she has accepted a position on the Woodlands Cooperative governing board. Congrats, Sue!
- c. Audrey **motions** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40.

Larry seconds, all in favor. (Minutes recorded by Audrey Barton,

Secretary)