

**TOWN OF BERLIN
BERLIN-PECK MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD
BOARD ROOM
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2023
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Chairman Donna Moore (Zoom), Vice Chairman Robert Lewis
Elaine Borselle, Carol Welz, Karen Pagliaro, Kevin Wilhelm, Chris Fasciano

Staff Present

Kim McNally

Members Absent

Gail Marino, Lilian Ulan

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

None

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Karen Pagliaro moved to approve the minutes, September 13, 2023, seconded Elaine Borselle, passed unanimously.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Director McNally reported there were 166 new library cards and 144 renewals during card Sign Up month. There was a library card drive at the high school and approximately 225 cards were given out during August and September which are good for three years.

Lawyers in Library was held on September 26th and all appointments were booked.

The library attended the Senior Center Open House where many people stopped to talk about the library services. A raffle bag was donated. It was a great opportunity to support the Town and make connections.

The library will be collaborating with the Berlin Public School system on School Readiness Series to help children get ready for school. The school system is applying for a grant in order to host an author to talk to caregivers and teachers on the importance in reading aloud to children.

The library will be participating in Trunk or Treat with Park and Recreation on October 28, 2023 and the library will have a scarecrow for display at the town contest.

Its budget season and a summary with big ticket items was submitted to the town. Some of the items Director McNally is looking for funding for are: 13 new computers, new signage on the driveway and new receipt printers and scanners.

The SB2 Grant is on hold. Director McNally is hoping to apply for the grant again next year.

The Strategic Plan process was developed, and a press release was sent with information gathering taking place October 10, 2023 through October 30, 2023.

Director McNally is waiting to receive quotes for the new tables in the Delaney Room and shelving for the children's section.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

FRIENDS OF THE BERLIN PECK MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT:

Director McNally reported that the Friends signed a Memo of Understanding.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Strategic Planning Conversation** - The board went over the 5 questions on the plan. Things such as affordability, housing, education, improved senior center, tax cuts, getting more businesses in town, a town green, explanation of the library with take back the space down stairs, garden club relocation, new police station, historical building restoration and new business advertisement were discussed.

ADIJOURNMENT:

Karen Pagliaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Carol Welz, passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Marlo Thomas Matassa
Recording Secretary

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