

Biddeford Pool Community Center
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 18, 2024

Present: Jim Oleson, Carol Bassett, Ben Pratt, Debbie Melican, Pat Burke, Bill Murray, Diane Noble, Chris Sorrentino, Desireé Stallings, Carol Weldin, Joe Valenza, Sue Maccalous (Library), Peter McPheeters (BPCHS) and Eve McPheeters (Functions)

Member Guests: Gerri and Mike Dansky

Call to Order:

Jim Oleson

Jim called the meeting to order at 4:05 and welcomed members Gerri and Mike Dansky. He also reminded everyone about the scam email sent in his name on 1/7/2024 and the importance of checking the actual email address to determine if it is really from the person named.

Secretary's Report:

Debbie Melican

The minutes from the 12/15/23 meeting were approved. *Moved: Carol B; 2nd Desireé.*

Treasurer's Report:

Ben Pratt

- One more payment needs to be made for the construction project.
- Ben explained that our bylaws state that some kind of review of our books be done on an annual basis. He emailed our accountant and learned that a simple review would run \$1500 - \$2000. However, the bylaws also allow the President to appoint a committee with at least one Board member. Mike Dansky said he had some experience in this area and volunteered to be on the committee as did Carol W. Jim appointed them as the committee.
- There were no questions about last month's financials.
- Jim would like to revisit the idea of a credit/debit card for BPCC.
- Ben noted that Carol B and Jim need to be added to our bank account. *Motion: The Board authorizes Carol B and Jim to be added to the signature card for the BPCC checking account. Moved: Ben; 2nd Debbie. All in favor.*

Art Display & Creative Studio:

Diane Noble

- Diane reported that \$400 from the Garden Tour proceeds had been earmarked for scholarships for different art classes as well as clip on lighting for the art hung on our walls. Linda Sullivan plans to use some of the money for people in her upcoming art classes.
- Behind the Scenes at the Saco Museum is happening on February 16, 10 am – 12 noon.

Building Committee:

Jim Oleson

- Jim reported that the main construction project has been completed and that Hussey did an awesome job.
- Bill and Jim met with Embers Fireplace of South Portland earlier today about the stove in the library. He learned that the batteries we have been using do not put out enough voltage. We need to use Rayovac batteries, and changing the batteries needs to go on our maintenance list. The stove is now working.
- It was noted that the Center needs painting. Bill will get three bids.

Communications:

Carol Weldin

- Jim reported that on Tuesday they met with Celeste to get dues envelopes, addresses and emails. Ultimately, our new software will enable members to pay dues electronically.
- Eve and Chris expressed concern about the 15 to 20 members who do not use email. Carol W said that people could pay by check.

- Carol W and Janet are also working out the integration feed to Stripe and Mailchimp, which will allow reports to go to Celeste.
- Jane Kurko continues to work on the interface.
- Jim expressed interest in setting up rolling dues so that BPCC would have money coming throughout the year.
- For donations, Carol W said that they can take Chris' templates for donation letters in the new system. Chris noted that for this year he would be continuing the process he has used in the past.

Functions:

Eve McPheeters

- Tomorrow night, January 19, is the showing of *Truth Tellers*, a documentary about Rob Shetterly and *Americans Who Tell the Truth*. Soup and grilled cheese will be served before the movie.
- Instead of a Chili Bake-Off, this year Norann and Jim are organizing a Chowder Bake-Off.
- Linda Sullivan's Life Drawing class January dates have been corrected to the 27th and 28th, 12:30 – 4:00 pm. The February dates are the same (the 17th and 18th) but the time has changed to 12:30 – 4:00 pm.
- Beth Baskin is organizing a 6 – 8-month Bridge Marathon to be followed by a luncheon.

Education Committee:

Greg Tarbox and Tracy Callahan

- No news.

Library Committee:

Sue Maccalous

- No news.

Sunshine Committee:

Carol Bassett

- Carol B has sent 1 card since the last meeting.

BP Coastal Historical Society

Peter McPheeters

- Peter hopes to present on the history of the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in March or April.

Unfinished Business:

- Jim reminded everyone of the Sustainable Planning meeting scheduled to take place during our March Board meeting, which is being held at Ben's house.
- Discussion ensued about whether more time should be allotted, such as a full-day retreat or even multiday retreat. It was agreed that we would begin with a shorter meeting as currently scheduled.
- Jim requested that everyone send ideas to him by March 1st about different topics to discuss or potential future directions for BPCC.

New Business:

- To protect our email, Jim would like everyone to use bcc when sending group emails.
- He announced that all the keys for the building are now in the lockbox.
- Before the lift can be used, it needs to be inspected and a permanent light added.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting: *Ben.; 2nd Desireé. All in favor.* The meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Melican
Secretary