

Biddeford Pool Community Center
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 15, 2024

Present: Jim Oleson, Carol Bassett, Ben Pratt, Debbie Melican, Pat Burke, Bill Murray, Carol Weldin, Joe Valenza, Sue Maccalous (Library) and Eve McPheeters (Functions)

Excused: Diane Noble, Chris Sorrentino and Desirée Stallings

Call to Order:

Jim Oleson

Jim called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm and established that a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report:

Debbie Melican

The minutes from the 1/18/2024 meeting were approved. *Moved: Ben; 2nd Bill.*

Treasurer's Report:

Ben Pratt

- Ben noted that Carol W and Mike Dansky would be reviewing our financial records in August of this year for the fiscal year ending 6/30/24.
- As the motion passed at the January meeting to change the names on our bank account and obtain a credit or debit card was insufficient for our bank, Ben read the following new motion:
The Biddeford Pool Community Center (BPCC) at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting held on February 15, 2024 approved the following motion:

Whereas, BPCC has a banking relationship and bank account at Maine Community Bank, and

Whereas, at its annual meeting on October 13, 2023 the following officers of BPCC were elected and continue to serve: Jim Oleson, President; Carol Bassett, Vice President; Ben Pratt, Treasurer; and Debbie Melican, Secretary; and

Whereas, the former President Joe Valenza and former Vice President Peter McPheeters are currently signatories to the BPCC account, have completed their terms and no longer serve in their former capacities, and

Therefore, Jim Oleson, President, Carol Bassett, Vice President, and Ben Pratt, Treasurer, and each of them alone, are hereby authorized to sign checks and conduct any and all business that BPCC has with Maine Community Bank including, but not limited to, the signing of signature cards for the Bank and obtaining a credit or debit card, and former officers Joe Valenza and Peter McPheeters shall by their signatures on a separate document containing this motion agree to their removal as authorized signatories for any BPCC accounts.

Carol Weldin so moved; 2nd Pat Burke.

- Jim asked about the status of a budget for BPCC. Ben and Peter have been looking at our expenses to see if dues pay basic expenses, and the answer is no, that we would be \$5000 - \$10,000 short.

Art Display & Creative Studio:

Jim reported on behalf of Diane Noble

- Artists by the Sea will be the weekend of August 9 – 11 with a fundraiser for Friends of Wood Island Lighthouse and Fletchers Neck Preserve.
- The BPCC collection of historic photos has been hung downstairs in the library.
- Behind the Scenes at the Saco Museum is happening on February 16, 10 am – 12 noon.

Building Committee:

Jim Oleson & Bill Murray

- Bill has asked 3 painting firms for bids and has met with one, will meet with another this afternoon and the third tomorrow. He will reach out to a fourth.
- Jim reported that the lift has all the required signatures, and all that is needed is the state inspection.

Communications:

Carol Weldin & Janet Gerding

- Carol W. explained that everything on the existing BPCC website has been moved into the new website, and everything can now be hidden or used. The goal is to make the website easier to navigate, such that things that are used often will be most prominent.
- At some point, the new website will be released for the Board's review to see what works well and what doesn't.
- MembershipWorks is the mechanism for how we will collect dues. Janet had been using it without cost but has used up the free trial. She is now paying for access and being reimbursed by BPCC monthly.
- Carol W has merged the master list of members and email addresses, which previously were not together.
- A general question that needs to be answered is: what is the purpose of our website?
- Carol W noted that members will choose how much of their personal information is listed in the online directory. Jim thought that the directory should be in a members only section.
- The new system will accept dues and donations via credit card, and the information will go into QuickBooks.
- Eve brought up the fact that members over 65 do not have to pay dues.

Functions:

Eve McPheeters

- Eve reported that 33 people attended the showing of the documentary, *Truth Tellers*, about Robert Shetterly on January 19th. The event netted \$122.
- Trivia & Pizza Night on February 9th had 4 tables of 8 people.
- The March/April newsletter will announce the St. Paddy's Day dinner on Saturday, March 16, at a cost of \$25 per person.
- Eve is also looking into showing the moving *Waking Ned Devine*.
- Eve, Beth Baskin and Jeff Goldsmith have spoken with BPIA about Earth Day 2024.

Education Committee:

Greg Tarbox and Tracy Callahan

- Ben provided an update from Tracy. Two of this year's recipients are ready for checks, and the other two are still getting information together.
- Jim reminded everyone about the June 1st deadline for the next set of applicants.

Library Committee:

Sue Maccalous

- The Mah Jong set and table cover have been purchased.

Sunshine Committee:

Carol Bassett

- Three cards have been sent since the last meeting.

BP Coastal Historical Society:

Peter McPheeters

- Nothing new.

Unfinished Business:

- Jim reminded everyone to send ideas for discussion at our Sustainable Planning meeting.
- Joe explained that some 40 years ago BPCC—then known as the Biddeford Pool Community Club— established membership boundaries, which were put into the By-Laws, Article II, Section 2. In 20014 BPCC became known as the Biddeford Pool Community Center. Individuals living within the membership boundaries and paying dues became voting members. Individuals living outside the membership boundaries became eligible to join BPCC as nonvoting members.

New Business:

- None.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting: *Joe moved; 2nd Bill*. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Melican
Secretary