

Barker Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 11, 2024
Town of Somerset Building, Haight Road, Barker, NY

Present: Board of Trustees: Kathie Smith, Brian Cramer, Ashley Grabowski,
Cynthia Harris, Jessica Monaco, Lisa Thompson

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Call to Order: President Kathie Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Pledge to the Flag

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report of January 8, 2024 was moved for approval by
Trustee Grabowski and seconded by Trustee Carmer. All voted aye.

Treasurer's Report: ·President Smith examined the bills since our last meeting and reported that
everything was in order.

·A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of January 8, 2024 was
made by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Vice President Harris. All voted aye.

President's Report: ·President Smith has contacted BCS to include an article in the upcoming issue of
the Banner.

·Worked on fiscal year change and resolution.

·Contacted Senator Ortt and Assemblyman Norris on budget increases for
libraries.

·Attended Friends meeting on January 16.

·Reviewed Trustee training certification status

·Completed Director Evaluation along with Trustee Harris

·Spoke with the Mayor on building progress

Director's Report: ·Worked on annual report to the state

·April 8, 2024: Eclipse Event at Becker Farms

•April 10, 2024: Sexual Harassment Training scheduled

•May 23, 2024: Annual NIOGA Trustee Dinner at the Wurlitzer Building in North Tonawanda

Friends of the Library: •Working on recruiting and engagement

•Continuing to fill spots on the Friends of the Library board

•Next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2024 at 6pm at the Lions Club

Unfinished Business: • Status of Phase 2 of the Library Rebuild was discussed

New Business: •A motion to approve the closure of the library on Monday, April 8, 2024 due to the solar eclipse was made by Trustee Monaco and was seconded by Trustee Carmer.

•A motion to approve the BPL Annual Report was made by Trustee Monaco and was seconded by Trustee Grabowski.

•One Barker Public Library Trustee seat is open for the 2024 election. The seat is for a five year term. Candidates must be district residents and be at least 18 years of age, Nominating petitions are available from the BPL Director. Petitions require at least 25 signatures and are due back to the BPL by April 19 at 5pm. The vote will take place at BCS on May 21, 2024.

•A motion to approve the resolution to nominate a candidate for trustee of the Nioga Library System was made by Trustee Grabowski and seconded by Trustee Carmer:

WHEREAS, the trustees of the Barker Public Library in the Village of Barker, a participating library in the Nioga Library System, desire to nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Nioga Library System, and

WHEREAS the Nioga Board of Trustees has requested that such nomination be made by resolution of the nomination Board of Trustees:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Public Library in the Village of Barker, New York, hereby nominate Charles Begley, 34 Lincoln Ave. Lockport, NY as a candidate the the Board of Trustees of the Nioga Library System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be attached to and be made part of the minutes of the regular meeting of the board of.

Trustees of the Barker Public Library held on this date.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

•A motion to approve the resolution to change the fiscal year of the Barker Public Library was made by Vice President Harris and seconded by Trustee Monaco:

WHEREAS the Barker Public Library is a school district library providing services to the Barker Central School District; and

WHEREAS the Barker Public Library currently has a fiscal year January 1 to December 31; and

WHEREAS the Barker Public Library and its patrons would be better served to have a fiscal year that coincides with that of the Barker Central School District ;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Barker Public Library hereby declares their fiscal year to be July 1 to June 30 commencing on July 1, 2024.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

Public Comment: • No remarks were made.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00pm. Location yet to be determined.

Adjournment: A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Carmer and seconded by Trustee Monaco at 6:36 pm. All voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Monaco
Secretary