
Board of Trustees

Annual Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2016 Annual Meeting

Attendance: President Eleanor Schneider, Vice President Jack Bernstein, Treasurer Judy Trichon, Secretary Miryam Roddy, Commissioner Ferdinand Gonzales, Jeff Rubin, David Silver, Rita Kenney, and Hilarie Weiss.

Others in Attendance: Library Director Sharon Moreland-Sender, Assistant Director Pam Dull, Friends Representative Steve Irwin, Bryn Athyn representative Elizabeth Sellner, Student Representative Julia Cromwell.

The meeting was called to order by President Schneider at 7:05 pm.

Jack Bernstein moved to accept the Annual meeting minutes from February 12, 2015. Ferdinand Gonzales seconded. The motion passed.

Presidents Annual Review

Mrs. Schneider read the following statement:

The Huntingdon Valley Library continues to grow and provide more services for the residents of Lower Moreland and the surrounding communities. Through the commitment of the Board of Trustees and the dedication of the Friends many exciting events, upgrades and overall changes to the library have occurred.

First, I would like to thank all the Board members for their continued interest and involvement in the library. The strategic plan was completed because of the knowledge and follow through of several board members. Fund-raising has occurred and continues to be planned to allow for the growth of the library. Most importantly now, we must take care of the infrastructure of the library. We need to upgrade the inside of the building. In negotiating the lease with the Township, the library was asked to assume the responsibility of the upstairs meeting room, which we did and are now working on making this accessible to the community and possible families for use. This involved increased work and responsibility for the staff and they met the challenge. The Friends have assisted in updating the room we are in with technology which increases the usage of the room for small groups and possible student study sessions.

The Board has broadened the scope of the Trustees by adding Liaisons from Bryn Athyn and the Lower Moreland High School. Of course, the Friends, continue to play an important role by supporting many functions within the Library and programs for the community to enjoy.

As we are aware, Sunday hours have started again and many new adventures are within the library and the Children's library.

Finally, without the excellent staff under the guidance of Sharon, and her assistant Pam, we would not be able to acknowledge the growth and usage of the library. It is becoming a household word, a place to meet friends and to broaden your knowledge of life.

Mrs. Sellner arrived at 7:10 pm.

Comments

Mr. Bernstein noted that the township is more cognizant of what the library does now.

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Mr. Rubin stated that the relationship with the Township has improved.

Mr. Silver also noted improved communication with the Township Commissioners.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender said that the Strategic Plan called for an Ad Hoc committee which will include Township commissioners and or their families.

Mr. Irwin arrived at 7:17 pm.

Library Director's Annual Review

In 2015, staff focused on the future and building relationships, as well as fundraising. Glynnis launched two new book clubs and Jessica received a \$1,500 grant to fund the Teen Reading Lounge. Mrs. Moreland-Sender thanked the Board, Friends, Volunteers and Staff for their support.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Trichon noted that the Library has lightness to it. It is full of happy people ready to help. In 2015, the Township and Friends were the greatest resources and that fundraising and meeting Room use had both increased. As the library has taken on a lot, we will need more income to meet those needs.

Nominating Committee

Miryam Roddy provided the slate of nominees for the 2016/2017 calendar year.

The slate is:

Eleanor Schneider – President

Jack Bernstein - Vice President

Judy Trichon - Treasurer

Miryam Roddy - Secretary

It was noted that this is the same as the existing slate of officers.

Mrs. Schneider asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Ferdinand Gonzales moved to elect the committees slate as read. Jack Bernstein seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Jack Bernstein moved to adjourn the Annual Meeting. Ferdinand Gonzales Seconded. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 7:34 pm.