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**Board of Trustees****Meeting Minutes****August 11, 2016 Regular Meeting**

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

**Others in attendance:** Library Director Sharon Moreland-Sender, Assistant Director Pam Dull, Linda Yerkees representing Lower Moreland HS. Brigid Cromwell and Clayton Howard students at Lower Moreland High School.

The meeting was called to order by President Schneider at 7:30 pm.

**Jack Bernstein moved to accept the June 2016 Meeting Minutes. Ferdinand Gonzales seconded. The motion passed.**

**Treasurers Report**

Mrs. Trichon sent the June and July Profit and Loss Comparisons via email. She is reviewing endowments with Mrs. Moreland-Sender.

Hilarie Weiss arrived 7:32 pm

Mrs. Moreland-Sender renegotiated our payroll services contract, saving \$1,200. The contract will begin in September and run for 12 months.

**Public Comment**

None

**Old Business**

Mrs. Moreland-Sender stated that the Contract with the School District for the use of the Auxiliary lot was approved with the terms changed from "perpetuity" to "July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017." The original is filed in with the Board Minutes.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender directed the Board to Glynnis Flores' report for a Summer Reading Club wrap up. As of August 9, 522 children had signed up versus 451 last summer. Staff and Teen volunteers all came together for the Harry Potter Party. Mrs. Roddy shared that she was impressed with the events for the Teen Summer Reading Program. Mrs. Roddy stated that the staff remained pleasant even when the library was extremely busy. She noted that the teen volunteers helping with the events seemed engaged in the tasks they were asked to help with.

**New Business**

Mrs. Schneider reported that Vanessa Nelson, Youth Services Assistant, received a Teen Reading Lounge grant for \$1,500 from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. This will fund an ongoing program including poetry, drama and a visit with a local author

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of dystopian fiction. The Library was one of only 13 libraries in the state to receive the grant.

Mrs. Schneider read a letter from Julia Cromwell thanking the Library Board for the opportunity to serve as Student Liaison for the past two years.

Mrs. Schneider also thanked Brigid Cromwell for her article about the Valerie Plame brunch that appeared in the Lower Moreland High School Newspaper. Mrs. Moreland-Sender shared a copy of the story with Valerie.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Moreland-Sender stated that a review of the 2016 budget revealed that fundraising income is below our goal by \$13,000. The Dewey Decimal Dance Party and other fundraiser schedule for this fall, along with the annual appeal, will help.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender reviewed the Strategic Priorities Budget. The Board reaffirmed their commitment to contracting with an Architect and/or Library Building Consultant, as outlined in the Strategic Plan, by the end of 2017. The cost for this contract was not included in the budget, but will be contingent on grants and/or private funding. Mrs. Weiss suggested using the weekly newsletter to call for volunteers interested in a building remodel project. It was also suggested to contact Rep. Murt and/or Senator Greenleaf and look at 'sustainable building' grant opportunities. The remaining 2017 Strategic initiatives were included in the budget, including a 10% increase in meeting room income over 2016 estimates. A new Meeting Rooms brochure is being created, the Web site information was improved and the Board suggested posting a sponsored ad on Facebook.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender reported that the 2017 Library Wish List has been sent to the Friends for review.

Mr. Gonzales reported that the Used Book Sale banner was approved to be hung across Huntingdon Pike for a three week time frame. Two weeks before the sale and the week of the sale. The Board thanked the Commissioners for their approval. Mrs. Moreland-Sender distributed the new Display Case Policy. The Library Board will review and vote on it during the September Meeting.

Mrs. Schneider asked Mr. Gonzales to personally advise the Township Board of Commissioners that the library is forming an Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee and that we would like to have them involved.

Mrs. Trichon spoke to a potential new Board member. He will attend the September 8 Board meeting.

Mr. David Silver tendered his resignation from the Library Board. Mrs. Schneider, with deep regret, accepted his resignation and thanked him for all of his time and work.

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### **Librarian's Report**

Mrs. Moreland-Sender submitted her report, No. 61, in writing. She did advise that the Fire Alarm was damaged during an electrical storm on July 25. Mrs. Moreland-Sender will check with PECO to see if there was a surge that caused the damage and file a claim.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender announced that the Friends and the Library will be joining to host Mike McGrath of WHY?Y's 'You Bet Your Garden' on Sunday, October 23. Tickets will be \$10 in advance, with costs and proceeds to be divided equally.

### **Marketing, Fundraising and Programming Committee Report**

Mrs. Kenney reported that the Dewey Decimal Dance Party was scheduled for Saturday Night, November 5. The Library will be open that evening. The Friends book room may also be open. Tickets will be \$30 each and food will be for sale separately.

**Friends Report** The Friends were not present. Mrs. Dull mentioned the Used Book Sale will be September 20 to 24 and the New York City Bus Trip will take place on September 28. The First Bus is full and there is a list for a possible second bus.

### **School District**

Mrs. Yerkees reported that the High School will be issuing Chrome Book computers to all of the students this year.

**8:50 pm Miryam Roddy moved to adjourn the meeting. David Silver seconded. The meeting was adjourned.**