
Board of Trustees**Meeting Minutes****November 10, 2016 Regular Meeting**

Attendance: President Eleanor Schneider, Vice President Jack Bernstein, Treasurer Judy Trichon, Secretary Miryam Roddy, Rita Kenney, Jeff Rubin, Hilarie Weiss and Mitchel Fink.

Others in attendance: Library Director Sharon Moreland-Sender, Assistant Director Pam Dull, Linda Yerkees representing Lower Moreland HS, Ann Gardiner representing Friends of Huntingdon Valley Library, Elizabeth Sellner representing Bryn Athyn, Clayton Howard and Brigid Cromwell Lower Moreland High School representatives.

Prior to the Call to Order, Mr. Rubin congratulated Clayton Howard for being a National Merit Semifinalist. The Board concurred.

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

Jack Bernstein moved to accept the October 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. Judy Trichon seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Mrs. Trichon sent the Profit and Loss Comparisons via email. The Township will let us know what the finalized budget will be in December. Mrs. Moreland-Sender will adjust our budget according to the final budget numbers. Mrs. Moreland-Sender reported that we have received our third quarter check from the Township.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business

Mrs. Moreland-Sender shared the determination letter denying our claim from Utica Insurance to the Township for the fire alarm system damage. Mrs. Moreland-Sender shared that Bob Longley recommended our new policies be reviewed by a lawyer, but the cost for such a review is not in the 2016 budget. Mr. Bernstein and Mrs. Trichon will look into finding someone who will work pro bono.

Mrs. Schneider will continue to investigate exterior enhancements for the library.

New Business

Mrs. Moreland-Sender presented a Meeting Room Policy amendment. The Non-Fee Basis of the policy would be changed to: "The Library may permit the use of library facilities and meeting rooms on a non-fee basis to Lower Moreland Township groups or residents for infrequent and/or informal meetings as determined by the Library Director."

Mr. Bernstein moved to change the Meeting Room Policy as proposed. Mrs. Weiss seconded. The motion passed.

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Mrs. Moreland-Sender proposed for 2017 a discounted fee for residents for some adult and teen programs. Mr. Bernstein suggested it be a non-resident fee, not a resident discount. After some discussion, the Board approved the concept of staff setting a non-resident fee of a set amount, dependent on the program.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender reported that she, Glynnis Flores, and Pam Dull met with Christopher Hoffman and Rob DeMartinis from the Township about the Valley Youth Center to discuss the future of the Youth Center as a potential library space. Consensus was that, at the time, the Library did not have the financial or personnel resources necessary to assume responsibility for the Valley Youth Center, but appreciated the positive intentions of the idea.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender presented her Director's Report. Highlights include: Through donations by the attendees and fundraisers we could purchase a new Community Room projector. She thanked Marilyn Melstein and Miryam Roddy for helping at the Fire Prevention Open House and also thanked Pam Dull and Glynnis Flores for running a successful LuLaRoe clothing fundraiser. We had 57 people attend Mike McGrath and she thanked Ann Gardiner and the Friends for co-chairing the event. It was a lovely set up and a great program.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender asked the Personnel committee via E-vote to approve the addition of computer training to a staff member's job description. This person will spend seven hours a week working on technology classes and training for both the public and staff. Other library employees will permanently alter their schedules to cover the change in hours.

Marketing, Fundraising and Programming Committee Report

Mrs. Roddy reported on the demise of the Dewey Decimal Dance. The Fundraising committee will plan a spring author event and work on an event during the Township Family Day in October. The Fundraising Committee will also look at the process strategically and discuss what may work, as well as sponsorships. Several author ideas were mentioned including Jennifer Weiner, Chris Matthews, and Sam Katz, as well as culturally diverse programming.

Commissioners Report

No Report

Friends Report

Mrs. Gardiner thanked Mrs. Moreland-Sender for her support with Mike McGrath event. The bake sale at Pine Road on Election Day was a success. Tickets are currently on sale for the Basket of Books fundraiser. The friends meeting on December 1 will feature a musical program at 1:30 with "In the Mood." March 30, 2017 will be the next Friends Tea. May 3, 2017 will be the next NYC Bus trip.

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High School Liaisons Report

No Report

School District

Mrs. Yerkees reported that the High School has a new strategic plan that includes new teaching methods, such as mindfulness. The Freshman Reading Survey again returned with results clearly stating that the students prefer a print book over an ebook.

Bryn Athyn

Mrs. Sellner contacted the Montgomery County Norristown Public Library about having the bookmobile come to a Bryn Athyn retirement community. She also suggested that the library have more study carols for student use.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender reported that the Lower Moreland Business Association has given the library \$1,000 in response to our Annual Appeal.

8:52 pm Hilarie Weiss moved to adjourn the meeting. Miryam Roddy seconded. The meeting was adjourned.