

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018 Regular Meeting

Attendance: President Eleanor Schneider, Vice President Jack Bernstein, Treasurer Judy Trichon, Secretary Miryam Roddy, Jeff Rubin, Rita Kenney, and Gwenn Silver.

Others in Attendance: Library Director Sharon Moreland-Sender, Assistant Director Pam Dull, Joscha Schmitz exchange student from Germany, Ellen Zschunke representing Lower Moreland School District.

President Schneider called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Miryam Roddy moved to accept the March 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, Jeff Rubin seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Mrs. Trichon sent the monthly report via email. Mrs. Moreland-Sender sent the first quarter reimbursement request to the Friends and the Egg Hunt reimbursement request to the Township. The final audit was distributed at the meeting.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Regarding the Community Room and meeting room policy revision, Mrs. Moreland-Sender noted that we do lose money on the Community Room as janitorial costs outweigh the rental income. The Library and Friends are the largest users of the room at no cost. A new fee schedule is being investigated that includes a fee for those having food or crafts in the room.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender also shared the Turning Outward Community Conversation notes, included in the Board packet, with Christopher Hoffman. It was suggested that the next conversation group include a mix of individuals from HVAA, the School Board, Township Commissioners, and the PTA, for example.

Mr. Bernstein shared that Lower Moreland used to have a Civic Association. It was community run and they discussed many issues. The group was well attended and had elected officers. Mrs. Roddy stated that she would be available to help start the group up again with a preliminary meeting.

Bingo has not sold as many tickets as expected. Hopefully we will have more attendees at the door. Thank you to the Board for securing donations.

New Business

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Mrs. Moreland-Sender requested that the Library be closed the morning of Tuesday, May 15 for Autism Awareness training originally scheduled for January 4. The library would close that morning to hear a presentation from Frank Giordano from Lower Moreland Township School District. The Board agreed to have the library closed that morning.

Librarian's Report

Library Board Memo No. 89 was submitted in writing.

Mrs. Schneider thanked Rich Worthington (Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator), Frank Colantonio (Lower Moreland School District Police Investigator), Bob Scholly (Fire Marshall), and Officer Justin Brommer (LMTPD) for the Active Shooter Training they conducted at the Library on March 28. Staff, Board and Friends members all attended. We also thanked the Friends for providing lunch.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender reported that Marilyn Melstein has retired. The Board thanked her for her service as both a former Board Member and employee. Allison Wysong has obtained a full time job in the Philadelphia Library system. The job opening is posted.

We had a medical emergency on a recent Saturday that the staff handled well. However, due to increased use and incidents such as that, the need to have a Supervisor on duty Saturdays has become apparent. Full time staff, Vanessa Nelson and Kathleen Foley will now rotate Saturdays and Mrs. Moreland-Sender and Kathleen will continue to rotate Sundays.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender noted that she went to Public Library Association meeting in Philadelphia, as did Pam Dull. She attended a preconference on Project Outcomes. Mrs. Moreland-Sender also reminded the Board that a free Trustee Training event is happening April 21 at the Blue Bell campus of Montgomery County Community College. She will re-send the details.

Marketing &Fundraising Committee Report

Mrs. Roddy spoke with John Ostapkovich from KYW about a Journalism Panel event. Other panelists would be Bruce Gordon (Ch. 29), Carol Erikson and Marissa Fuller (Bucks County Courier Times) and Del Ponct (Philadelphia Business Journal). Merrill Reese was also a suggestion, depending on the date of the event. Larry Kane was suggested as a moderator. November between the election and Thanksgiving is a tentative time. The event will be held upstairs in the Community Room with a modest \$10 fee that will include light refreshments. Mrs. Roddy will also look at Gloria Dei as a possible location for a book signing with Merrill Reese. It was also noted that Paul Kurtz and Ed Bacon have both written sports books published last year. Another suggestion was Rod Rosenstein, the Deputy Attorney General for the United States Department of Justice. He is a Lower Moreland High School graduate.

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The Fundraising committee will meet during the summer to craft a RFP for 2019 to hire a Fundraising Consultant.

Mrs. Moreland-Sender noted that Victor Brooks came and spoke on April 2. He was well-received and would be willing to come back and talk about how to write a book. Mrs. Moreland-Sender also noted that Harry Elfent is still willing to speak via skype. The technology at the school may be better able to facilitate an event like this. Mrs. Zschunke suggested using Google hangouts as you can have up to 9 users dial in to the event.

Friends Report

None

School District Report

Mrs. Zschunke thanked the Friends for collecting specific literature books to sell at the High School. The new Interlibrary loan system between the School District and library has been a success. It has allowed her to say "yes" to more requests from students and teachers. Mrs. Zschunke will meet with Mrs. Moreland-Sender to work on the Harry Elfent presentation. The School District has agreed to lend us a browsing collection of foreign language books for the summer. Mrs. Zschunke will also look into lending us several merge cubes. Kindergarten and First graders will visit the library prior to summer vacation to hear about summer reading. The elementary school uses the PA young readers choice lists for suggested summer reading. June 21 is the last day of school. The idea of a joint tech open house was also discussed and the event could showcase robots, technology and STEAM ideas for parents. Mrs. Zschunke asked about the possibility of Victor Brooks appearing at the elementary school. Mrs. Moreland-Sender will share his contact information.

High School Liaison Report

No Report

Bryn Athyn

No Report

8:55 pm Jack Bernstein moved to adjourn the meeting. Rita Kenny seconded. The meeting was adjourned.