
Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes.
November 9, 2023

Attendance: Jack Bernstein, President; Miryam Roddy, Vice-President; Judy Trichon, Treasurer; Jeff Rubin, Secretary; Mitchell Fink, Pam Dull, Library Director; Benson Liu, Tamara Kohmann, Julia Lee and Ayden Kerrigan, Lower Moreland Township School District Liaisons; Jane Bostock (Zoom) Bryn Athyn and Friends Liaison, Karen Schwartz (Zoom) Friends Liaison, Marilyn Melstein.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Bernstein at 7:30pm.

Miriam Roddy made a motion to approve the October 2023 Board meeting minutes. Mitchell Fink seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer Report

Submitted in writing. Mrs. Trichon questioned the increase in income from fines and lost book charges. Mrs. Dull clarified that while we are fine free, the fines could be from other libraries patrons who borrowed our books and paid the overdue fee online. We also charge fines on Museum Passes and some electronic kits, Robots for example.

Public Comment

None.

New Business

- The two new Lower Moreland Township High School liaisons introduced themselves. Benson Liu is a junior. He has volunteered with the library through TAB. He is interested in STEM and Computer Science topics. Tamara Kohmann is a junior. She is very interested in obtaining a behind the scenes look at how the library is run, the publishing industry, and the information community.

Old Business

- The Personnel Manual review continues. Miryam Roddy and Judy Trichon agreed to help Pam Dull by reviewing PANO's sample policy located in the Board folder and compare it to HVL's new policy.
- Two new fundraising documents were included in the Board Packet. They are *Are we ready for a Capital Campaign* and *Board Fundraising Menu*. Mrs. Dull passed these out at the meeting and asked Board Members to please return them quickly.

Director's Report

Submitted in writing.

- The 70th Anniversary Open House will be on Friday, December 1 from 6 to 8 pm.

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- Mrs. Dull would like to have a Personnel committee meeting before the next board meeting. Mrs. Roddy will send out an email and set something up.
- Mrs. Dull reported that the Voice over IP request for proposals are due on November 15. She would like the Building Services Committee to meet to go over the quotes.
- Mrs. Dull mentioned that two of the library resources, Consumer Reports online and The Philadelphia Inquirer online, could save residents time and money. They are easy to access from home with a Huntingdon Valley Library card.
- The 2024 Wish List has been sent to the Friends for review.
- Mrs. Dull would like to reduce the charges for faxing at the library to 25 cents per page received, and 25 cents for the confirmation page when sending. Many federal and state agencies want paperwork sent via email or fax and it can be a hardship to pay the current cost of \$1 per page. The only cost to the library is the printing. The Board agreed the lower price would benefit our community. No vote is necessary to change this cost.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee – Jeff Rubin – no meeting. Mr. Rubin will meet with the committee to create a slate of officers for 2024 Annual Meeting in February.

Strategic Planning – Chair Miryam Roddy – no meeting

Marketing and Fundraising – Chair Steve Ciment – no meeting

Personnel – Chair Miryam Roddy – no meeting

Bylaws – Chair Mitchell Fink – no meeting

Building Services and Contracts – Chair: Mitchell Fink – no meeting

Finance Committee – Chair Judy Trichon, – no meeting

Liaison Reports

Bryn Athyn-

Mrs. Bostock reported the following:

- BATS pop up sale on November 11 and 12 in the gym at BA elementary school.
- BA Craft Sale will be November 17 and 18 in the gym.
- Glencairn will be opening for Christmas from November 24, 2023 to January 28, 2024 for their annual Nativity show.

Friends of Huntingdon Valley Library

Mrs. Schwartz reported the following:

- Friends have 371 members
- Next Book Sale is December 9, 10 am to 2 pm.
- Jewelry Sale on December 2, 10 am to 2 pm in the Community room
- The Friends will have a Holiday Raffle Basket in the library for December.
- Election Day Bake Sale at Pine Road Elementary, Nov. 7, did very well.
- The Friends will have a Pot Luck after their next business meeting on December 7, at 12:30 pm in the Community room.

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School District-

Julia Lee, Ayden Kerrigan, Benson Liu and Tamara Kohmann reported the following:

- MiniThon will be next week. This event raises funds for pediatric cancer research.
- The High School Drama Club will be presenting Little Women in November.
- NHS Toy Drive will begin after Thanksgiving.

Township Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Canale sent a report in writing. Our budget presentation was well received. The township facilities report by Rettew Associates is available on the township website.

8:04 pm. Miryam Roddy made a motion to adjourn. Judy Trichon seconded. All voted in favor. Next meeting is December 14, at 7:30 pm.