
Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2024

Attendance: Jack Bernstein, President; Judy Trichon, Treasurer; Steve Ciment, Secretary; Jeff Rubin; Aivy Dowds, Pam Dull, Library Director; Jane Bostock, Friends and Bryn Athyn Liaison; Patti Balitzky; Marilyn Melstein (zoom); Lower Moreland Township School District representatives: Benson Liu, Tamara Kohmann and Ayden Kerrigan

Meeting Called to order by Mr. Bernstein at 7:34

Steve Ciment made a motion to approve the March 2024 Board meeting minutes. Jeff Rubin seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer Report

Submitted in Writing.

Mrs. Trichon spoke with Don Pearson from Maillie about the Employee Tax Credit. We may qualify for one quarter in 2021. Mr. Bernstein recommended that financial matters such as this should go to the Finance Committee for review before being brought to the board.

Public Comment

No Comment.

Mr. Bernstein mentioned that this is National Library Week. He thanked the library workers for their dedication to our mission. It was decided that the Board would provide a meal for library workers in honor of National Library Week and National Library Workers day. Mr. Ciment volunteered to facilitate the meal.

New Business

The library will be ordering 5 small meeting pods. We are in the process of choosing the finishes before ordering.

The library will be ordering new light fixtures for the Community Room. Examples of the lights are in the board packet. Estimated cost is \$10,000, to be shared with the Township.

The library welcomed Aivy Dowds as our newest Board Member. She was appointed by Lower Moreland Township for a term of three years.

Library has 2 CDs (\$30,000 each) maturing at TD Bank on April 13, 2024. The Board decided to move the money into our Money Market Account until the Finance Committee decided where to move the funds. \$ 31,162.62 is the Reiter Speakers Series money and \$31,162.62 is the Technology upgrade Fund.

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Old Business

None

Director's Report

Submitted in writing.

Mrs. Dull advised the Board that the library doors unlocked on Sunday, March 31, Ester Day. The Township recently added a door at the township building to the mix and that threw the system and Holiday list off. Unfortunately, EJ, Pam and Kristen were unable to remotely access the system and the doors remained open from 1 to 5 pm. The alarm sounded and police arrived when someone entered the building. Our cleaner arrived later and was left in charge of the unlocked building. We have one deadbolt at the lower level that can be used to manually lock the door, and Pam will work with the Township to install one on the upstairs door to allow it to be manually locked as a back up.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee- Jeff Rubin, Chair, Mitchell Fink, Joe Canale. No Meeting

Strategic Planning- Judy Trichon, Chair, Aivy Dowds. No Meeting

Marketing, Fundraising and Programming- Steve Ciment, Chair. Aivy Dowds, Patti Balitzky. Will be meeting soon.

Mrs. Dowds reported that Mrs. Balitzky and her were working on a wine lovers night out event. No date has been set yet.

Mrs. Dowds reported that she has been in touch with the Trenton Thunder minor league baseball team. They have a ticket sale fundraiser program. We would purchase 125 tickets at \$7 per ticket and then have the ability to sell them for between \$10 and \$15 each. Tickets could be ordered directly from the Trenton Thunder using a code. Mrs. Dowds asked for a vote to move forward with investigating this event. **The Board voted to move forward with the event.**

Personnel- Steve Ciment, Judy Trichon, Jack Bernstein No Meeting- Personnel manual was sent to Dennis Meakim at Howland, Hess, Guinan, Torpey, Cassidy, & O'Connell, LLP.

Bylaws – Jack Bernstein, Chair No meeting

Building Services and Contracts – Mitchell Fink, Chair, Joe Canale, Jack Bernstein No meeting

Finance- Judy Trichon, Chair, Mitchell Fink, Aivy Dowds, Jeff Rubin. No meeting

Liaison Reports

Township – Mr. Canale notified the board that Chris Hoffman and his wife welcomed a baby girl into their lives. Mr. Hoffman will take the month of April off and will return in May. The Board can contact EJ Lee, Assistant Township Manager, with any questions during Mr. Hoffman's leave.

Friends – Mrs. Bostock reported that the Friends have made \$1853 on used book sales to date. The next sale is April 27.

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Used Jewelry Sale- The next sale is May 4.

Raffle Baskets- There will be 5 raffle baskets leading up to the May 9, Tea fundraiser.

Spring Tea and Fashion Show will be held on May 9. Scones will be sold again this year and can be picked up at the Tea or at the circulation desk.

Admission to the Tea will cost \$45.

Bryn Athyn – Mrs. Bostock reported May 4 there will be an Arts and Crafts show in Bryn Athyn.

School District – The students reported that the musical Mean Girls opens tonight and runs through Saturday. Tickets are available at the door.

April 22 there will be a blood drive at the high school for high school students.

April 20 at 8 am will be the Out of the Darkness walk. You can sign up to walk online.

Proceeds go to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Students have all moved into the new High School and are getting used to the building.

The school library has a private room. The courtyard is currently not available for use.

8:22 pm Steve made a motion to adjourn. Judy seconded. All voted in favor.