
Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes.
January 11, 2024

Attendance: Jack Bernstein, President; Miryam Roddy, Vice-President; Judy Trichon, Treasurer; Mitchell Fink (zoom), Steve Ciment, Jeff Rubin, Pam Dull, Library Director; Benson Liu, Tamara Kohmann, Julia Lee and Ayden Kerrigan, Lower Moreland Township School District Liaisons; Joe Canale, Lower Moreland Township Commissioner; Aivy Dowds; Marilyn Melstein.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Bernstein at 7:32pm.

Steve Ciment made a motion to approve the December 2023 Board meeting minutes. Judy Trichon seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer Report

Submitted in writing. Mrs. Trichon reported that Vanguard is still in the process of producing year-end statements. The Fundraiser went very well this year and the Annual Appeal has been successful. She expressed gratitude to the Friends of Huntingdon Valley Library for their support. Mrs. Dull added that the library overspent on materials in 2023 in support of updating the Juvenile non-fiction collection.

Public Comment

Aivy Dowds introduced herself and stated that she is here to learn how the board works and is interested in joining in the future.

New Business

none

Old Business

- HV Library Abuse Prevention Administrative Policy was discussed. Mrs. Roddy introduced several changes: an omission of the work ask in the first paragraph under Code of Conduct and she suggested adding Social Media to the list under Cyber bullying. The Board accepted these changes. The fourth paragraph under Code of Conduct was discussed as it involves volunteers or employees whose background clearances contain adverse information was discussed. The library does not allow employees or volunteers who have convictions that could impact the safety and wellbeing of others. This Policy was recommended by our insurance agent, Bob Longley. The staff would read and sign the policy each year. **Miryam Roddy made a motion to approve the HV Library Abuse Prevention Administrative Policy. Jeff Rubin seconded. The motion passed.**
- Mrs. Dull asked if there were questions about the 2024 budget which was in the last two board meeting packets. Mr. Ciment asked about internet outages,

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including the one in December. Mrs. Dull responded that ENA was not in control of that outage as a line had been cut. The library purchases internet access as a group with the MCLINC consortium. **Miryam Roddy made a motion to pass the 2024 Library Budget. Jeff Rubin seconded. The motion passed.**

Director's Report

Submitted in writing.

- Mrs. Dull reported that along with the 70th Anniversary party in December, the staff and knitting clubs also had parties. The Friends had their holiday pot luck meeting.
- Mrs. Dull has been meeting with staff to set goals for 2024.
- Two of the four open library positions have been filled
- Mrs. Dull will be meeting with a member of the Friends to draw up an architectural plan for the new meeting pods. Mrs. Dowds suggested that she may be able contact an interior designer who could also help with the process of specifying what finishes and sizes we want for these purposes.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee – Chair Jeff Rubin – The Nominating Committee presented the following slate:

President (2 running) Jack Bernstein and Miryam Roddy
Vice President – Joe Canale
Treasurer – Judy Trichon
Secretary – none

The Nominating Committee will work on finding someone willing to be Secretary.

Strategic Planning – Chair Miryam Roddy – Current Strategic plan ends in 2024.

Marketing and Fundraising – Chair Steve Ciment –

Personnel- Chair Miryam Roddy – Will meet in January to discuss opt-out of healthcare payment option.

Bylaws – Chair Mitchell Fink – no meeting

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

Finance Committee – Chair Judy Trichon – suggested that new Board members need to have specific knowledge about ERISA, Retirement and Benefit packages. Mr. Canale suggested that the library could ask the Township Manager any specific questions that we have.

Liaison Reports

Bryn Athyn- no report.

Friends of Huntingdon Valley Library

Mrs. Bostock reported

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- Book Sale on December 9, made \$661.
- Jewelry Sale on December 2, made a bit over \$1,000.
- The holiday raffle made \$155
- Next book sale is January 27, from 10 am to 2 pm
- 2024 Wish List was approved
- Next Friends Bus Trip to NYC is June 12- the show is Back to the Future. Tickets are on sale now.
- The 2024 newsletter will be mailing shortly

School District-

Benson Liu reported the following:

- Mid terms are January 18 to 23
- MLK day of service will be at High School
- The High School plans to move to the new building in February 2024. They are currently soliciting students to be tour guides during the February 3 open house.
- The current high school will be renovated for the Middle School to move into fall 2024.

Ayden Kerrigan reported the following:

- Beginning in February CAPS proposals are due. Mr. Canale mentioned that the school used to have an alumni match for the CAPS program. Mrs. Dowds mentioned that it would be nice for the school to have a way for alumni to meet with students to discuss college and career paths.

Township Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Canale reported the following.

- The Board restructured during their January Meeting. Denise Kuritz is President and Joe Canale is Vice President. Ruth Hausen, Sean Blanton, Joe Pace and Dennis Mueller are the other commissioners.
- The Commissioners voted to acquire the land next to their property on Huntingdon Pike. Negotiations will start soon.
- Mr. Canale and the Township Commissioners thanked Dr. Sorkin for his 12 years of service as a Commissioner.
- Mr. Canale thanked Bob Schadeegg for his service

8:20 pm Jeff Rubin made a motion to adjourn. Joe Canale seconded. All voted in favor. Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on February 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm, followed by the regular meeting at 7:30 pm.