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## Board of Trustees

### Huntingdon Valley Library 2025 Board of Trustees

#### **Huntingdon Valley Library Board of Trustees Meeting January 9, 2025, at 7:30 pm –**

Attendance: Jack Bernstein, President; Steve Ciment, Secretary; Judy Trichon, Treasurer; Jeff Rubin, Mitchell Fink, Aivy Dowds, Pam Dull, Library Director; Patti Balitzky, Barbara Koppel, Jaela George, Student Liaison; Lola Monroy, Student Liaison, Benson Liu, Student Liaison; Marilyn Melstein.

#### **Call to Order 7:31 pm**

**Approval of December 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Rubin made the motion to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Trichon seconded. The motion passed.**

**Treasurer Report** - Sent via email.

**Public Comment** – No Comments

#### **New Business**

- We have a request from Lower Moreland Township High School student Yuki Wu, to join our Student Liaison Board members. These students act as liaisons between the Library Board and the high school and have no voting privileges. It was agreed to allow Ms. Wu to join.
- We received the personnel manual from the lawyer. It is in the Board Packet for review.

#### **Old Business**

- Vanguard has added Jack Bernstein and Mitchell Fink as administrators and to we now have the ability to receive and sell stocks and bonds.
- We have not heard anything about the EITC refund we applied for in fall 2024.
- Nominating Committee: Jeff Rubin is setting up interviews. Proposal to hold elections in march due to transition plan as emeritus board members end their terms.
- **Vote to approve 2025 Budget. Motion by Steve Ciment and second by Aivy Dowds. The motion passed.**
- **Vote to approve the updated Patron Code of Conduct. Motion by Jeff Rubin, second by Mitchell Fink. The motion passed.**

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### **Director's Report** – submitted in writing.

- Mrs. Dull will be away in March and suggested moving the meeting from the second to the third Thursday in March. There was a subsequent evote and this change was approved.
- Mrs. Dull would like to invest proceeds collected to form the Nancy Hensler Speakers series into an investment product (Certificate of Deposit) and use the monthly dividends towards ongoing speaker series. **Motion to approve the creation of a \$30,000 Certificate of Deposit at TD Bank for the Nancy Hensler Speaker series was made by Jeff Rubin and Seconded by Mitchell Fink. The motion passed.**

### **Committee Reports**

**Nominating Committee-** Jeff Rubin, Chair, Mitchell Fink, Joe Canale

Reported in Old Business.

**Strategic Planning-** Judy Trichon, Chair, Aivy Dowds.

No Meeting.

**Marketing, Fundraising and Programming-** Steve Ciment, Chair, Aivy Dowds, Patti Balitzky. The committee is planning the 2025 Fundraiser Fore the Books. Trenton Thunder contract has been signed and deposit paid. We will receive paper tickets to sell at the circulation desk. Mrs. Balitzky will investigate reaching out to garden centers to support the Eagle Scout project.

**Personnel-** Steve Ciment, Judy Trichon, Jack Bernstein.

**Bylaws** – Jack Bernstein, Chair

**Motion to amend the bylaws to exclude advertising annual meeting in the local paper from Judy Tichon. Seconded by Steve Ciment. Motion passed.**

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

**Finance-** Judy Trichon, Chair, Mitchell Fink, Jeff Rubin, Aivy Dowds.

### **Liaison Reports**

**Township** – No report.

**Friends** –report was shared in Board Documents. Friends will spend surplus funds from 2024 on sound proofing in the Children's area. They raised a total of \$34,467 in 2024.

**Bryn Athyn-** No report.

**School District** – Benson reported that the MLK day of service will take place at Ridgeway Park. Midterms are coming up. Jaela reported that the class ski trip is coming up and that Multicultural day is February 15. They offered an idea to add afterschool activities to give students something productive to do. Mrs. Balitzky would like to engage science teachers to use the new native garden for a lesson plan in the future.

**Adjournment 8:30 pm Mr. Rubin made the motion to adjourn and Mrs. Dowds seconded.**

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Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on February 13, at 7:00 pm, followed by the regular meeting.