

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES (TTL)

Minutes of the Board of Trustees (BoT)

Thursday, May 28, 2020

7:30 PM at Tredyffrin Library

Presiding: John C.T. Alexander, President

Board Members Present: (constituting a quorum):

Anthony Ferris

Bill Matthews

Mike McTiernan

Christa Melotti

Johanna Pauciulo (Secretary)

Rob Rose (Treasure)

Tim Ross (Vice President)

Helen Yao

In Attendance:

KS Bhaskar, Board of Supervisors

Kate Currigan, President, Friends of TPL

Valerie Green, Assistant Library Director

Marianne Hooper, Staff Librarian

Chris Kibler, Library Director

Rachel Kramer, Fundraising Director

Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager

Mr. Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

The February minutes (there were no BoT meetings in March or April due to COVID-19 pandemic) were submitted by Ms. Pauciulo for approval and she motioned to have them approved as written. Mr. Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report/2021 Budget – Mr. Kibler

Written report submitted. Libraries at an overall net of \$78,793.35, not taking into account the Friends donation or PL's receipt the first Willistown contribution (3% higher than last year). Tredyffrin Township has asked the Library to propose a 2021 budget with a 10% reduction in place. Mr. Kibler reports that the only way to effect this is to reduce the amount of the cash contribution from the Township and/or staff hours. Mr. Ferris motioned to give authority to Mr. Kibler to prepare a budget proposal consisting of a 50% reduction in the township cash contribution and a reduction in PT staff hours. Ms. Pauciulo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Friends of TPL Report – Ms. Currigan

The Friends have not been in the library since March 13th. Nolan Painting painted the King Room and drop off area on May 18th & 19th (paid for by the Friends). Going forward, the Friends will not accept book donations until further notice. The Amazon account has been temporarily turned off and will be turned back on at such time as a volunteer is permitted and able to enter the library to process and ship orders.

Fundraising Report – Ms. Kramer

Written report submitted.

New Business

Status Update and Update on Library Reopening – Mr. Kibler submitted a draft plan for reopening but it will change next week after Chester County Library System provides its reopening plan. Mr. Kibler will provide an updated version at that time. The tentative plan provides for a three-tiered yellow phase opening, how long each sub-phase or the entire yellow phase lasts is anyone's guess. Only very limited on-site library services will be able to be provided during this time. Foremost, after preparation of premises and staff, is processing of the hold queue and new books. Ms. Currigan commended the library staff for its excellent work providing virtual programs during this pandemic.

Board President and Secretary – Ms. Pauciulo will continue as Board Secretary. Mr. Alexander advised that he was unable to continue to serve as Board President and nominated Mr. Ferris as his successor. Ms. Pauciulo motioned for Mr. Ferris to succeed Mr. Alexander and President, Mr. McTiernan seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Programming Policy – Mr. McTiernan proposed forming a subcommittee consisting of the three newest Board members to draft a programming policy by the next Board meeting. After discussion, it was agreed to table this matter for the time being in light of the more pressing problems currently facing the library.

Tredyffrin Township Supervisors – Mr. Bashkar

No comment.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2020, 7:30 pm on Zoom