

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees (BoT)  
Thursday, September 24, 2020  
7:30 PM on Zoom

**Presiding:** Anthony Ferris (President)

**Board Members Present** (constituting a quorum):

CT Alexander  
Bill Matthews  
Johanna Pauciulo (Secretary)  
Rob Rose  
Tim Ross (Vice President)

**In Attendance:**

Ben Auslander, Citizen  
KS Bhaskar, BoS  
Valerie Green, Library Staff  
Un Kyong Ho, Citizen  
Marianne Hooper, Library Staff  
Chris Kibler, Library Director  
Rachel Kramer, Library Staff  
Mr. Kunin, Citizen  
Michael McTiernan, Citizen  
Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager  
Nancy Talley, Citizen

Prior to the BoT meeting an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters and legal issues.

**Minutes – Ms. Pauciulo**

The July minutes were submitted by Ms. Pauciulo for approval. Mr. Ross motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander and passed unanimously.

**Director's Report - Mr. Kibler**

Written report submitted to Dropbox. Library visits are down due to limited hours of operation. At some point discussion of increasing opening hours to public will be required. At present there is no plan to hold in person programming before year end. An in person trivia night is being held off site at La Cabra.

**Financial Report - Mr. Kibler**

Written report submitted to Dropbox. The numbers for Paoli need to be adjusted for August and the Library is still awaiting county, township and Friends contributions.

### **Branch Manager Report - Ms. Michaels**

Written report submitted to Dropbox. While patronage is down generally due to the pandemic, it has increased since re-opening and many virtual programs are reaching people not living locally.

### **Friends of TPL**

No report. Ms. Hooper commented that the Friends partnered with the League of Women Voters to conduct a voter registration event at the Library on Wednesday 09/23.

### **Fundraising Report - Ms. Kramer**

Written report submitted to Dropbox.

### **New Business**

#### **Nominations for Board Treasurer - Mr. Ferris**

Bill Matthews will not be renewing his term. Mr. Ferris nominated Mr. Rose to serve as Board Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pauciulo and unanimously approved. The Board will vote on formal appointment of Mr. Rose as Treasurer at the October meeting.

#### **Approval for the Use of State Aid/Waiver of Standards Resolution for State Reporting - Mr. Kibler**

Normally 100% of state aid goes into the collection as libraries are required to spend 12% of their operating budgets on the collection. However, due to the Covid pandemic this standard is unattainable. This year there shall be a waiver of standards and each library is required to obtain a board vote to approve the waiver of standards and submit a signed waiver form. Mr. Ferris motioned to approve the submission of the Waiver of Standards form. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously approved.

#### **2020 Holiday Hours - Mr. Kibler**

Schedule revised to parallel township closing schedule. Mr. Ferris motioned to approve the revised schedule. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pauciulo and unanimously approved.

#### **Reappointment of Board Members Alexander and Melotti - Mr. Ferris**

Mr. Ferris motioned to recommend reappointment of Mr. Alexander and Ms. Melotti to the Board. The motions were seconded by Mr. Rose and Mr. Ross respectively and unanimously approved. The recommended reappointment of Mr. Alexander will be submitted to the Tredyffrin BosS. The recommended reappointment of Ms. Melotti will be submitted to the Willistown BoS and then to the Tredyffrin BoS.

## **Applicants for Open Board Positions - Mr. Ferris**

Ms. Talley and Ms. Ho have expressed interest in filling the vacant seats on the BoT and submitted letters of interest and resumes and spoken to members of the BoT and BoS. Mr. Ross motioned to recommend Ms. Talley to the BoT. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander and unanimously approved. Mr. Ferris motioned to recommend Ms. Ho to the BoT. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander and unanimously approved. Mr. Both candidates shall go before the BoS for approval. Kibler and Mr. Bhaskar will follow up on getting the items on the BoS agenda for next month.

## **Old Business**

### **Member Library County & State Funding request support Letters - Mr. Kramer**

Ms. Kramer emailed suggested form letters out in late August and requests that BoT members re-format and be ready to submit to the state when appropriate.

### **Tredyffrin Township Supervisors - Mr. Bhaskar**

No comments specific to the Library. The BoS is starting to discuss and develop the 2021 budgetary cycle.

Tomorrow was to be Mr. Kibler's last day as Library Director but he has been approached by the Township to stay on and discussions are pending.

## **Public Comment**

Mr. Auslander - Mr. Auslander asked to be briefed on the details of the Executive Session and requested board members positions on pro-life/family-oriented religious values library programming. Mr. Auslander also inquired as to whether his letters to the Library Director would be entered into the library minutes.

Mr. McTiernan - Mr. McTiernan requested an update on the Library's programming policy.

Ms. Talley - Ms. Talley expressed her enthusiasm for future service on the Board and invited members to reach out to her with any questions pending her approval.

Mr. Kunin - Mr. Kunin expressed his opinion concerning library programming in response to Mr. Auslander's concerns, specifically that pro-life programming would violate the separation of church/state as it seeks to promote a POV specific to a religion in contrast to LGBTQ programming which does not.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm. Next meeting: October 22, 2020 @ 7:30 pm on Zoom.