

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES
Minutes of the Board of Trustee (BoT)
Thursday, February 25, 2021
7:30 PM on Zoom

Presiding: Anthony Ferris

Board Members Present (constituting a quorum):

Un Kyong Ho

Christa Melotti

Johanna Pauciulo (Secretary)

Rob Rose

Tim Ross (Vice President)

Nancy Talley

Helen Yao

In Attendance:

KS Bhaskar, BoS

Kate Currigan, Friends of TPL

Valerie Green, Library Staff

Marianne Hooper, Library Staff

Chris Kibler, Library Director

Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager

Minutes – Ms. Pauciulo

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

Reports

Director's Report -Mr. Kibler

Written report submitted. Mr. Kibler ran a report from library data showing that the demographic with the highest borrowing of materials are females aged 30 – 50. This does not necessarily coordinate with program attendance.

Self-checkout of books awaits development of an Android app.

The programming numbers in the Director's Report are not accurate as they are based on data from an old spreadsheet, an update will be provided in next month's Report.

Tax forms are available for pick up in a bin outside of the library.

Branch Manager Report – Ms. Michaels

Written report submitted. Electronic usage was up 52% in 2020. The Paoli Library Writers' Group started up again via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Rose

Spreadsheet submitted. January 2021 expenses/revenue is on target with the 2021 budget numbers. Mr. Rose submitted a break out of Tredyffrin township detail which will be submitted quarterly.

Friends of Tredyffrin Public Library – Ms. Currigan

The Friends invited Kay Carr (who is spearheading a restart of the Paoli Friends group) to the last Friends board meeting for brainstorming/collaboration discussion regarding such things as a collaborative book sale – discussions will continue. The Friends Amazon account is "on vacation" but they have been sending books via "fulfillment by Amazon" – 123 sales in the last 2 months.

Fundraising Report – Ms. Melotti

Written report submitted. The Fundraising Committee is considering a change in the format of the fall golf outing due to continuing concerns over the COVID pandemic, suggestions are welcome.

New Business

Vote for Vice President and Treasurer – Mr. Ferris motioned to appoint Mr. Rose as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Melotti and unanimously approved. Mr. Ferris motioned to appoint Mr. Ross as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Library Opening - Tredyffrin Library will re-open at limited capacity and hours beginning on March 8, with curbside pick up continuing. Paoli Library will continue with curbside pick up only for the time being. The libraries shall operate in this fashion until the March board meeting at which time the issue will be revisited.

Tredyffrin Township Supervisors – Mr. Bhaskar

Jennifer Whip was acknowledged at the last BoS meeting for receiving the Heroes of the Library award.

The BoS shall cover the cost of the replacement lighting tubes (wrong size ordered due to error) and will try to recoup the cost from the contractor.

Public Comment

Jean Faber – Ms. Faber, a township resident, had expressed her opposition to the Read Woke program as being too political. Ms. Faber was advised that the staff and board did not find the program to be political in nature and that other libraries were conducting similar programs. Ms. Faber expressed her disagreement but thanked the board for considering the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 7:30 PM on Zoom.