

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES
Minutes of the Board of Trustees (BoT)
Thursday, December 9, 2021
7:30 PM at Tredyffrin Public Library

Presiding: Anthony Ferris, President

Board Members Present in Person (constituting a quorum):

Rob Croner

Un Kyong Ho

Christa Melotti (via Zoom)

Johanna Pauciulo (Secretary)

Rob Rose (Treasurer, via Zoom)

Nancy Talley

Jennifer Whip

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

Meeting called to order 7:32 pm

Minutes – Ms. Pauciulo

The October minutes (there was no BoT meeting in November) were submitted by Ms. Pauciulo for approval. Mr. Croner motioned to have them approved as written. Ms. Talley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements - Mr. Ferris

Jennifer Whip was welcomed to the BoT, the Board is now fully staffed.

Plaques are being made to honor Paul Olson and C.T. Alexander for their service to the Library – C.T.'s will be displayed near the outdoor flagpole and Paul's inside the library.

Murph Wysocki is stepping down from the Foundation Board. Matt Holt has expressed interest in serving as the BoS liaison. Any BoT member wishing to talk to Matt may do so with an eye towards formally recommending him to serve at the January meeting. In addition, the Foundation's assets topped over \$1M for the first time.

SAC Rep – Mr. Ross had served in this role. Ms. Talley volunteered to replace him. Mr. Ferris motioned that Ms. Talley serve as the SAC rep with Mr. Kibler and Ms. Michaels as back up. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ho and passed unanimously.

There was discussion on how to identify community needs that may be served by the Library with respect to programming, etc. This discussion will continue into 2022.

REPORTS

Director's Report – Mr. Kibler

Written report submitted. In person programming continues to suffer due to the pandemic and mask mandate (Mr. Bhaskar did not know when the township would lift the mandate but stated that it probably wouldn't happen soon out of an abundance of caution and concern for consistency). Stephanie Bragg, PL Children's Librarian, will be moving to TPL but will continue to run PL virtual programs.

Branch Manager's Report – Ms. Michaels

Written report submitted. PL averages about 50 – 60 visitors daily. In person visits are low due to lack of in person programs plus the furniture has been removed to discourage lingering. No new updates on the PL Friends group and the new director is travelling.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Rose

Written report submitted. The report shows an 18K shortfall but the Annual Appeal funds haven't been requested from the Foundation, nor have the contributions from the township and the TPL Friends been received. All should balance by year end.

Friends of TPL – Ms. Currigan

The recent book sale made about half as typical due to lack of inventory. The use of the King Room for the sale was a success and the Friends would like to continue to hold sales there going forward. The Friends Board added four new members, they are still meeting virtually.

Fundraising Report – Ms. Kramer

Written report submitted. The recipient of the 2021 Library Hero Award needs to be selected, please contact Ms. Kramer with nominee suggestions.

New Business

Board Officer Nominations (President & Secretary) – Ms. Whip motioned to nominate that Mr. Ferris continue to serve as President and Ms. Pauciulo continue to serve as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Croner and unanimously approve. The formal vote will occur at the January meeting.

2021-2022 Holiday Calendar – Mr. Ferris motioned to approve the 2022 calendar and revisions to the 2021 calendar. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whip and unanimously approved.

2022 Budget – The only changes to the budget as proposed in October are a reduction in revenue due to the removal of rental fees and a reduction in county funds due to reduced programming. There is a slight reduction on the expense side due to a reduction in collection spending. The Budget as amended was unanimously approved.

Tredyffrin Township Supervisors – Mr. Bashkar

No comment.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 7:30 pm at TPL.