

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES
Minutes of the Board of Trustees (BoT)
Thursday, January 27, 2022
7:30 PM at Tredyffrin Public Library

Presiding: Anthony Ferris

Board Members Present (constituting a quorum):

Rob Croner
Christa Melotti (via Zoom)
Johanna Pauciulo (Secretary)
Rob Rose (Treasurer)
Nancy Talley
Jennifer Whip
Helen Yao (via Zoom)

In Attendance:

KS Bhaskar, BoS
Kate Currigan, Friends of TPL
Valerie Green, Library Staff
Marianne Hooper, Library Staff
Chris Kibler, Library Director
Rachel Kramer, Library Staff
Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Minutes – Ms. Pauciulo

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

Announcements - Mr. Ferris

John C.T. Alexander was presented with the Library Hero Award at the last BoS meeting. Mrs. Alexander would like to have a reception at the flagpole when C.T.'s health improves.

Director's Report - Mr. Kibler

Written report submitted to Dropbox. Installation of the new phone system is complete.

Branch Manager's Report - Ms. Michaels

Written report submitted to Dropbox. PL still offers curbside pick-up but requests for it are down 80% since last year. A long-time patron passed away suddenly and her obituary requests donations to PL in her honor.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Rose

Spreadsheet submitted to Dropbox. Year end numbers balanced well showing a deficit of approx.. \$1K. The Library has not requested any annual appeal funds from the Foundation. There were lots of building (HVAC) issues on the expense side in 2021.

Friends of TPL - Ms. Currigan

The Friends gave \$15,500 to the TPL for programming in 2021, together with the Museum Pass program, annual support from the Friends totaled \$22,612. Over the last 6 years the Friends have given \$197,000 to TPL.

At least 7500 good quality books were received by the Friends at last week's one day book donation drive. Conestoga Key Club members provided excellent volunteer service.

There is the continuing issue of book storage. The Friends are investigating the possibility of building a shed or other outdoor structure and would welcome thoughts and/or suggestions.

Ms. Melotti reported that Sugartown Elementary PTO is holding a gently used book sale fundraiser in the Spring and suggested that perhaps the Friends would like to donate some books to this cause in the spirit of community alliance. Ms. Melotti will provide the Friends with more details if requested.

Fundraising Report - Ms. Kramer

Written report submitted to Dropbox. The book for the System Wide Author Event with Erik Larson is The Splendid and the Vile. Ms. Kramer and Ms. Whip provided BoT members with a questionnaire regarding the potential Fall Golf Outing – Board member participation and assistance is crucial for a successful event. Forms were completed and turned in to Ms. Kramer at the conclusion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Officer Vote (President & Secretary) - Mr. Ferris

The slate of Mr. Ferris and Ms. Pauciulo respectively was motioned for approval by Mr. Rose, seconded by Ms. Whip and unanimously approved.

Library Programming - Mr. Kibler

Minimal in person programming has recommenced at the library. Mr. Kibler reported that adult programming coordinator Zoe Mills is interested in doing a Human Library Program. Mr. Kibler has concerns regarding the perceived controversiality of some

topics. The issue may be discussed in the future as needed but the Board is generally of the position that programming decisions are under the purview of the Director and Staff.

OLD BUSINESS

2021 Budget Review - Mr. Kibler & Mr. Rose

The Budget was approved in December and there have been no changes.

Tredyffrin Township Supervisors - Mr. Bhaskar

Ms. Pauciulo motioned to recommend Matt Holt represent the BoS on the Foundation Board (post formerly held by Murph Wysocki), the motion was seconded by Ms. Whip and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm. Next meeting: February 4, 2022 @ 7:30 pm at Tredyffrin Public Library.