

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES
Minutes of the Board of Trustees (BoT)
Thursday, August 25, 2022
7:30 PM at Tredyffrin Public Library

Presiding: Nancy Talley

Board Members Present (constituting a quorum):

Rob Croner
Christa Melotti
Rob Rose (Treasurer)
Jennifer Whip
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
Sarah Roeske, Library Staff (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Announcements – Ms. Talley

Trustee Orientation will take place in person at the Chester County Library in Exton on November 5th from 10 AM – 12 PM. Trustees that have not attended previously are encouraged to attend.

The libraries will be closed on September 5, 2022, in observance of Labor Day.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Libraries throughout the system will be promoting signing up for library cards and registering new users.

Consent Agenda – Ms. Talley

The June minutes were submitted by Ms. Pauciulo (via the Board portal) and presented by Ms. Talley during the meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.

There was general discussion about the remaining consent items including the process for nominating Ms. Pauciulo for a new term ending 10/18/2025.

The Board approved the consent items.

Director's Report – Mr. Kibler

Mr. Kibler indicated that Ms. Zoey Mills has resigned.

Mr. Kibler described repairs that are ongoing at the Tredyffrin Public Library. He then gave a report on door counts and how these results were affected by a data anomaly. Going forward, we will see higher door counts based on adjustments being made to correct the data. Circulation is high, but attendance at programs has been light. The summer reading program was very well received.

Branch Manager's Report – Ms. Michaels

Ms. Michaels introduced Ms. Sarah Roeske who described her role at the Paoli Library. The outdoor story time program has been very popular. This will return to a Zoom format once the weather is uncooperative.

Ms. Michaels shared an update on the Author Residency program that is upcoming with Author Jean Hanff Korelitz, author of The Plot. These events will be in late September. Ms. Hanff Korelitz is going to do a book group meeting at someone's home as part of the program.

Other Business – Ms. Talley

Ms. Talley attended a staff meeting where three topics were discussed:

- The PA Legislature approved more funding, and we should also thank them formally and informally
- New grant programs available
- Funding based on circulation and eMaterials purchased. It is a formula that is across the Chester County library system. Libraries are not eligible for some COVID relief because of our status as a municipal organization.

Friends of TPL – Ms. Currigan

The latest book sale was a success, resulting in \$2,828 in net profits and the sale of approximately 3,777 books. Better World Books partnered with us to take the unsold merchandise from the sale. The Friends organization does not receive any compensation for the books, but Better World is selling and donating the books. Better World sends boxes for the Friends to fill, and this process was completed earlier the day of the BoT meeting.

The Friends are working on identifying future book donation dates. Ms. Currigan asked for the Board of Trustees' ideas on where to store the books, which continues to be an issue. There was discussion about various ideas and a proposal to form a committee to review options.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Rose

Materials are available in DropBox

Revenue is down \$37k, and expenses were down \$19k. So net income is down \$18k. Mr. Kibler is going to research contribution levels and report to the BoT.

Fundraising Report – Ms. Melotti

Donations are up.

The Annual Foundation Golf Outing is scheduled for September 29th. The Foundation is seeking additional dinner and cocktail attendees. The visiting author, Jean Hanff Korelitz, will be attending the dinner. And Ms. Talley provided an update on the raffle collections for the golf outing.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Tredyffrin Township Supervisors – Mr. Bhaskar

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Next meeting: September 22, 2022@ 7:30 pm at Tredyffrin Public Library.