

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES
Minutes of the Board of Trustees (BoT)
Thursday, June 22, 2023
7:30 PM at Tredyffrin Library

The meeting dates for the year were advertised in the 12/13/2022 issue of Daily Local and the 12/11/2022 issue of the Main Line Suburban. The meeting dates for the year were published on the Township website by 12/31/2022 and were printed in the Township's newsletter 01/31/2023. The agenda was posted at the main entrance to the Library and published in the Daily Local on 06/22/2023. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.

Presiding: Nancy Talley, Vice President

Board Members Present (constituting a quorum):

Rob Croner
Rob Rose (Treasurer)
Nancy Talley (Vice President)
Jennifer Whip
Helen Yao

In Attendance:

Kate Currigan, Friends of TPL
Valerie Green, Assistant Director & Head of Technical Services
Mallory Hoffman, Library Director
Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager
Erica Sabinske, Circulation Assistant
Sam Sorensen, Circulation Assistant
Jonathan Trice, Head of Reference & Technology
Murph Wysocki for KS Bhaskar, BoS

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by Ms. Nancy Talley, Vice President

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- See meeting agenda.
- There are four openings for the Library Foundation up from three last month. The Foundation board voted to expand the size of the board which created the new position. The board is currently interviewing for a Treasurer role.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

None.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda was unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Croner, seconded by Mr. Rose.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

6. REPORTS

Director's Report – Ms. Hoffman

Written report submitted to Dropbox.

Ms. Hoffman is attempting to visit the Paoli Library on a weekly basis. HVAC and roof work continues. The children's section is getting very warm. The library is working on a solution that may involve commercial air conditioners in the windows. The timing of the fix will depend on getting the units delivered.

Water from the recent rain resulted in pooling on the roof, but this will be remediated with the current roof work under way.

May 2023 circulation was higher than May 2022 which is welcome news.

Ms. Hoffman commented on the helpfulness of the staff, her efforts to get comfortable with the new job and library. She has offered a few programming questions or ideas to Ms. Hooper.

Mr. Trice talked about more programming being in-person. There are a number of book groups that are on Zoom which is allowing people who cannot travel to participate. A discussion ensued about the desire to continue to offer a remote option for most programs.

The library will be co-sponsoring a "Pride in the Park" event on September 24th in the afternoon with the Easttown Library. It will be held at the Tredyffrin Library and the adjacent Strafford Park. Staff provided an information sheet on the program.

Branch Manager's Report - Ms. Michaels

Written report submitted to Dropbox. Ms. Michaels noted a big increase in the number of library cards being issued. The book sale was successful, and numbers are in the reports.

Friends of TPL - Ms. Currigan

The book sale was successful, but the Friends are working on marketing strategies to move more books through the book store and online sales between sales because the numbers are down from pre-pandemic. The Friends are also looking at strategies to promote the library and advocate for the library as well.

The museum pass program was started in 2017. At the time, there were about 15 venues that allowed us to buy the passes. We are up to 25 venues, and the print and go features are very popular.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Rose

Spreadsheet submitted to Dropbox.

Fundraising Report – No presenter

Written report submitted to Dropbox. Ms. Talley asked the board and other attendees to please continue identifying raffle items for the golf outing.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

The Foundation is looking at converting two accounts into interest bearing accounts. The Foundation will provide an update at a future meeting.

Johanna Pauciulo's position is now open due to her resignation. We thank her for her many years of service to the Library and the Board of Trustees. We will discuss filling the Secretary position either from the existing board or with a new board member during the next meeting.

10. TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Wysocki offered remarks on behalf of the BOS including appreciation that the library is thriving. He would like to see the Children's Library temperature issues resolved and requested additional details from the library director on this matter.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Next meeting: July 27, 2023 @ 7:30 pm at Tredyffrin Library.