

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees (BoT)  
Thursday, September 28, 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 09/20/2023. Copies of the agenda were made available for the public in attendance at the meeting.

**Presiding:** Anthony Ferris, President

**Board Members Present** (constituting a quorum):

Rob Croner  
Anthony Ferris, President  
Christa Melotti  
Rob Rose, Treasurer  
Nancy Talley, Vice President  
Helen Yao

**In Attendance:**

KS Bhaskar, Tredyffrin Township Board of Supervisors  
Kate Currigan, Friends of TPL  
Valerie Green, Assistant Director & Head of Technical Services  
Mallory Hoffman, Library Director  
Marianne Hooper, Adult Programming and Community Outreach  
Rachel Kramer, Fundraising Associate  
Jennifer Whip, Secretary (via Zoom for first 30 minutes)

**1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Anthony Ferris, President**

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- See meeting agenda.
- There continue to be four openings for the Library Foundation Board.
- Discussion on new candidates for the Board of Trustees
- Anthony Ferris has tendered his resignation on both the Board of Trustees and the Library Foundation Board. Effective November 30, 2023.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA**

None.

#### **4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Adoption of the agenda was unanimously approved.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes from the August 24 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **6. REPORTS**

##### **A. Director's Report – Ms. Hoffman**

Written report submitted to Dropbox.

Lobby work is coming along. The roof is completed and work has begun to repair the lobby and King room. The computer room has been repainted.

Door counter not operational, but that work is scheduled once the lobby is fixed. Programming numbers are strong.

Additional details are provided in the Director's written report.

##### **Branch Manager's Report - Ms. Michaels**

Written report submitted to Dropbox. Door counts went down, but we think they don't reflect various programs which remain strong. Two part-time staff members resigned at the end of August, so we are again in the process of hiring. Adult programming continues this fall with several programs planned. The Friends of Paoli Library are having a book sale on Saturday, December 2 from 10-4.

##### **Friends of TPL - Ms. Currigan**

There will be a book collection day on September 30 and a book sale in the first week of November. Christa Melotti has been coordinating with Vanguard Corporation to supply and sort books and possibly house books for the Friends.

The Friends would like to present their check for annual support and for special support for the Maker Space in a public ceremony. We had originally considered Community Day for this, but the Friends are reconsidering.

Friends 2024 calendar of collection days and book sales is in the works.

## **7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Treasurer's Report - Mr. Rose**

Reports were submitted to Dropbox. Mr. Rose reported that the financials are in good shape. While we appear to be slightly down in revenue, there are extenuating circumstances and expected payments, and expenses are down considerably.

The Board discussed potential impacts on the budget – unforeseen heating bills and snow being two of the topic discussed.

### **Fundraising Report – Ms. Kramer**

No report this month

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

No report this month

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

Library staff members Jonathan Trice, Sam Sorensen, and Erica Sabinske attended the meeting to provide an update on the Pride in the Park event on Sunday, September 24.

The program was a collaboration between Tredyffrin, Paoli and Easttown libraries and included many departments from all libraries. 150+ attendees on a very rainy day, and activities were moved indoors to the lobby, King Room (vendors), computer lab (crafts), story time and author reading downstairs. There were lots of social shares including thanks from vendors and attendees. Families expressed interest in more LGBTQ+ programming throughout the year, not just in June. The library is planning several events in 2024 including organizing a mingling time for solo vendors staffing their own table, larger location, and more partnering with county organizations. The Library will pursue continued collaboration with the vendor organizations.

## **10. TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

None.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Next meeting: October 30 @ 7:30 pm at Tredyffrin Library.