

Minutes of Board Meeting
Oakmont Library January 14, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Joanne Brownlee, Matt Kissane, Katie Lascola, Beth Mellor, Deborah Ormay, Paul Pastierik, Laurie Sliben

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of the previous meeting and staff reports of current and on-going events were approved. The board welcomed two new members, Laurie and Matt. The OCL increased social media exposure is impressive. Bad Art Night, in February, will make use of the unused children's art supplies. This will provide a unique experience for adult crafters. Karen is currently working on her Master's degree.

GUEST SPEAKER: Lisa Jensen was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to illness.

CHAIR REPORT: Some agreed upon goals and themes for OCL 2015 are- increased fundraising and grant writing, to maintain an open and positive relationship with the FOOLs as well as Oakmont Borough Council and to establish a constructive relationship with Verona Borough Council. The board would also like to make themselves known to the community. Beth and Deb met with the FOOLS. Beth gave a detailed description of building needs. The FOOLS agreed to replace the young adult non-fiction book section. OCL staff is currently working on this project.

DIRECTORS REPORT: OCL was within \$1000 of meeting the fundraising goal for 2014. Beth has spent most of December writing grants. Borough Council has allotted money for someone to help in the grant writing. Beth is currently training two staff members to write grants also. The writing process differs depending upon the type of grant. OCL is currently waiting for the outcome of several grants- two are out for building repairs, one for the Verona outreach which will be announced in March and one for the digitization of the Advanced Leader which will be revealed in the spring. Beth and Karen will be speaking to Verona Council about the outreach to Verona at the end of January.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Paul has made an inquiry and is waiting to hear back regarding the Oakmont newsletter being sent to Longwood. All leaking has stopped. Winter is not good for brick pointing; this will be tabled until warmer weather. Sidewalks will need to be closed during the pointing work. The contractor will disclose the start date before the work begins so that everyone will be prepared. Henceforth, Bill Wengard, the Borough Engineer, will be the OCL liaison with maintenance contractors. Paul has found oak doors in storage that he is looking into selling.

FINANCE REPORT: Len was not present. A budget report summary was provided. Beth will create a State of the Library report. Upon completion, she will present this report to the board.

FUNDRASING REPORT: The Taste of Two Towns will be held on May 17, 2015. Joanne is currently preparing invitation letters to be sent to local restaurants which will be sent out in February. The cost of each ticket will be \$60 with a goal of 200 tickets to be sold. There will be a ToTT planning meeting on February 2nd. Joanne has provided a list of restaurants as well as donors to approach for contributions.

DISCUSSION: The board voted to post OCL meeting minutes to the website. A vote will be made at the next meeting in regard to posting staff reports on the website as well. A 2015 Strategic Plan was briefly discussed. Beth provided a chart depicting the 2013-2014 goals that were and were not met. The board will individually consider this plan and then come back in March for a group discussion. There is a unanimous agreement that the plan needs to have a focus on fundraising so that money for books and other materials isn't coming from the building funds. The plan also must be in alignment with OCL values. A group photo of the OCL board was taken for the website.

CLOSING REMARKS: Next meeting will be March 11, 2015

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 8:11.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Lascola - Secretary