

Library Board Meeting 6/13/18

Attendance:

Present: Katie Lascola, Laurie Sliben, Deb Ormay, Beth Mellor, Lindsay Osterhout, Matt Kissane, Nancy Ride, Shane Michael

Katie Lascola called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

Public Announcements: Beth added hiring to the Executive Session Agenda

Approval of minutes: Matt Kissane made a motion to approve the May 2018 minutes as amended, Katie Lascola seconded, motion passed.

Children Librarian's Report: A videographer was in for ACLA to record the STEM program. Karen Crowell was featured in the video for STEM training.

Summer reading programs have started. The ukulele program with the Western PA Conservancy this past Tuesday was a success.

Programming for Verner Pop Up next year will be a math program called "Crazy Eights" and a "Kid's Choice" reading program where the kids read and rate the books. The programming ties in to the school curriculum.

Upcoming Events: The Oakmont Mayor will be coming to read a story to the children at story time. The Fire Department will also be visiting Story Time to show the kids their uniforms and to talk about fire safety.

Karen and Beth will be meeting Friday about buying STEM kits and presenting to the FOOLs to ask for funding. These kits contain components to make circuits and moving parts. The program builds each week adding new components such as Legos and tinker toys. Beth has also engaged in planning discussions about creating a "maker space" in the Children's section.

Stephanie Zimble Report: 18 people showed for the Living While Dying Death Café program.

The adult summer reading program has started with 40 people already signed up.

OCL purchased all the books on the Summer Reading Teen Booklist put together by CLP and ACLA. It's an assortment of newer titles for young adults from 12 – 18 on a variety of topics, mostly fiction.

Three local students are in training to work at the library. They added two pages to the OCL website.

The Adult book club has become so popular that it has been split into two groups.

Director's Report: The Oakmont Lions donated \$1,000.

The TOTT netted \$16,000. 248 people attended.

Chair Report: Matt and Katie presented an amended budget to Council at the most recent meeting.

Finance Report: We are working to spend 12% on books. Towards that goal, OCL spent \$7,700 in books last month.

Discussion:

Booktoberfest: The event is scheduled for October 6, 2018. The event has made \$2,000 in the past. The tickets are \$25. The Board discussed if the time and effort put into the event is worth the output. The event averages 75 people.

Suggestions were a 50/50 and not having baskets and maybe have a single big raffle item like an entertainment package. Beth will ask if the Borough has a Games of Chance license.

We have \$400 budget for foods. The brewers come at no charge. A suggestion was made to buy food vs donating food; upping the ticket price to \$30; seeking sponsors; changing the date to a Friday night vs. Saturday; increase advertising.

Garden Update: Nancy has met with the landscaper. He is providing an estimate to remove some dead trees and move some shrubs. OCL has money set aside for this project. The Boulevard Project donated 7 hydrangea plants.

Keystone Grant: The Borough is asking OCL to get rebids for the Keystone Grant work because we received only one bid in response to our public request for bids. Council already accepted the bid received. The board discussed and agreed to move forward with Items 4 (indoor lighting) and 5 (exterior repairs) in the bid. The \$43,000 will be lost if OCL does not move forward with the project because the bill for the work must be submitted to the state before the end of the year.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:09 to discussing hiring.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Osterhout