

Minutes of Board Meeting
Oakmont Library Jan 13, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Joanne Brownlee, Lisa Jensen, Katie Lascola, Beth Mellor, Deborah Ormay, Paul Pastierik, Len Richards, Kathy Schreiber, Laurie Sliben

COMMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS: Joanne informed the board of restaurants that will not participate in ToTT as well as shared some perspective new restaurants. Laurie is going to pass information regarding another interested party.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. Staff reports of current and on-going events were approved. The Diorama program will be moved to February due to weather. A variety of night programs, such as Bad Art Night, will move to the Verona Pop-Up Library as a result of the OCL cut hours. OCL has been given permission to open a population code so that books can be checked out from the Verona Pop-Up. Stephanie has been working on withdrawing books from the non-fiction section.

CHAIR REPORT: Time has been spent in December and January working with staff and OCL director regarding issues that have been brought to the board's attention. Deborah proposes that board send a correspondence to Borough Council congratulating new members and asking all members to tour OCL and possibly volunteer to read a story during Book Buddies. Deborah also suggests that we reach out to Every Library to inquire about referendums. Deborah will seek out to Sophia who writes the Borough section of the Oakmont newsletter about possible mention of OCL. Deborah will continue to reach out to the community via the Oakmont Newsletter and other outlets.

DIRECTORS REPORT: We have surpassed our 2015 fundraising goal. Because there are 5 libraries who have received the Accessibility Grant, we are still waiting for the automated doors. Kinder Music classes will be coming to OCL. Patrons pay for this class and the library gets a percentage. In the spring there will be an art show presented by high school students. Stephanie and Katie are currently working on marketing ideas. Beth has forwarded Rhoda Worf the calendar to share with Verona Council. A collection of books to take to the Verona Pop-Up library is being arranged.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Paul is still looking for someone to remove the marble at the OCL entry. The wall on the handicap ramp is crumbling onto the ramp. Paul has someone lined up to look at this and estimate the work. He also has someone lined up to assess the lost roof shingles. Finally, he also has someone coming to give recommendations regarding the light sockets in the children's section; they sometimes spark and some are brighter than others.

FINANCE REPORT: Len presented a complete and comprehensive budget report. We came close to budget with state money coming in January, quarterly Gaming Table money and RAD money coming monthly. Beth spoke with the head of the PNC Foundation asking if they could match money put aside by Borough for HVAC. They will not fund building repairs, only for program presenters, books, etc. Beth will soon reach out to Mr. Dermody's office asking for discretionary money for repairs. She will also speak to ACLA about re-opening the Keystone Grants. This is money that the state has set aside for public building upgrade and repairs. Part of the state funding budget has passed. OCL should get money because we are in the Department of Education.

LISA JENSEN: Lisa explained from her perspective what had happened in the past with the library addition. The bond for the addition as well as the passed referendum vote ended up causing disconnect between Borough Council and the OCL board. At this time it seemed as though the library was operating independently of the borough. The borough agreed to transfer a set amount of money to OCL each year. The OCL, in turn, agreed to support the library through donations and fundraising. Eventually, money in the Capitol Campaign was not able to support building operations and budgeted wages and salary increases. On another subject, Lisa was very clear in stating that Borough Council is not "cooking the books." These are public records and all are welcome to look over them. Lisa's goal moving forward is to bridge the gap between the OCL board and Council. We will all work together for the greater good of our library.

DISCUSSION: Moving forward, the board will discuss fundraising.

CLOSING REMARKS: None

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:52

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 9:29.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Lascola - Secretary