

Minutes of Board Meeting
Oakmont Library April 13, 2016

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

GREETINGS/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: The board is grateful for Paul Pastierik and his many years of OCL service.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. Staff reports of current and on-going events were approved. A therapy dog will come to Afternoon Adventures. Children will sign up to read to "Friday" in 15 minute increments. The Pop-Up Library in Verona is continually increasing in volume. The staff is working hard at making the Pop-Up relevant and successful. Children in a New Kensington homeless shelter will be given the same packet that participants of the OCL Reading Program receive. Karen and Stephanie are working hard at figuring out what the community needs and how to produce it. OCL patron response to decreased program has been that of frustration. The Board is impressed with the staff's Mission Moments.

CHAIR REPORT: Paul Pastierik has resigned from the OCL Board. The Board will revisit the open position after the Taste of Two Towns. After the last Borough meeting, Lisa has guaranteed that the OCL Board will receive Sophia's report once it is submitted. Deborah has asked Lisa for the names and contact information for anyone who has complained to the Borough about the decrease in library hours. Deborah is going to contact each person regarding how they can help to raise donations for OCL. Deborah has recently met with Dick Lechner to go over the definition of his work and for him to explain in detail how he can help to increase OCL donations. She will look further into his references and past employees. The Board will make a decision once there is more information.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Beth will investigate productions for public advertisements seeing OCL donations. Beth explained what the OCL operating hours look like. There is a lot that goes on for Beth and staff. Beth would like to find a volunteer to help on Monday mornings as this is the busiest time. OCL along with 9 other school districts in the county will participate in Governor's Council on Early Education. Beth shared with the staff the importance of humanizing aspects of library services- an important topic that was discussed during her recent conference.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Bids will be sought out for the items that Borough was interested in repairing. Lisa gave John the landscaper permission to mow the OCL lawn. Beth will reach out to Borough for an updated version of the "punch list" on the Capital Projects List.

FINANCE REPORT: Len prepared a complete and comprehensive budget report which Matt discussed. The outside wall repair has significantly decreased the Repairs and Maintenance Line Item. Everything else seems to be on track with the budget. Many items are front loaded.

FUNDRAISING: Tickets are being purchased for the Taste of Two Towns. An advertisement will go into the Grapevine every Monday, press releases are going out, signs will go in yards and a banner will be hung at the Clock Tower. Joanne is securing bar tenders, high school students to help and all of the other details. Rhoda and Joanne will further investigate an antique appraisal fundraiser. Joanne is securing the American Doll Fundraiser for November.

CLOSING REMARKS: The Board will continue to investigate the proposal of a referendum. Beth has sent links to Matt for local referendums that have passed and that have failed. Beth is going to ask a Springdale Library representative to speak with the OCL Board regarding their success. The Board will further discuss how much mileage to request and to generate, how to explain the definition of mileage to the community and how to tell the OCL story. The Board would also like speak to passionate patrons about their desires for the library as well as ways that they can help to raise money. Beth will speak to Carnegie Library about their experience in speaking with patrons.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 8:11.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Lascola - Secretary