

LIBRARY BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKMONT

Minutes

November 11, 2020

Present: Jeanette Eleff (Verona representative), Wendy Emery, Matt Kissane, Katie Lascola, Beth Mellor, Shane Michael, Deborah Ormay, Laurie Sliben

Absent: Heather Pletcher

Chair Laurie Sliben called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

The minutes from the October board meeting were reviewed and amended. Matt moved the minutes be approved as amended. Wendy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

The Board reviewed staff reports from Karen Crowell and Stephanie Zimble. The Board had no questions or concerns regarding the reports; however, it was noted that the Library Juice Academy is a program in partnership with ACLA that is helping Karen move forward with her certification.

Director Beth Mellor shared her report. Shane asked about immigrant communities and how our library might hear about them. Beth indicated she hears about immigrants coming into our community via churches and library programming. Local libraries offer book collections regarding their cultures and foods. Beth initiated a thank you campaign aimed at library patrons for their support. These radio spots will air on WESA and other NPR outlets. The Furko Estate issue has been settled amicably with an additional \$100,000.00 coming to the Library.

Laurie updated the Board regarding ongoing discussions with Beth Williams and Borough management regarding our structure. She indicated that the Luciana family donated another \$1000.00 towards the World War II collection. This collection is circulating well.

Matt presented the finance report. He suggested that the bond interest payment should be coming out soon. One new revenue appeared on the report which was related to the CARES fund. Matt indicated that there were some slight revisions to the 2021 budget. He reported on our endowment fund balance.

The Board continued discussion of various board structure options and some of the pros and cons associated with each. The Board will continue to explore these options. EveryLibrary can assist us if we want to move towards a referendum on an upcoming ballot. Our bylaws and policies are for running the Library and for Board operations. We will ask Lindsey Osterhout to review these documents. We will find out if other borough boards have term limits. After the building assessment is complete, we will create a capital plan.

Jeanette is working with various groups in Verona to get the word out about Oakmont Carnegie Library. She's reached out to the Verona Chamber of Commerce and to the Borough of Verona

for information on what Verona may need from the Library. The Board discussed how Verona is broken up into different school districts with different libraries servicing each district. Beth suggested she can help create a survey to learn more about Verona citizens' library uses and preferences.

The Board voted on Ann Galm's membership to the Board. Laurie moved that Ann be approved as a Board member. Matt seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was carried unanimously. The Board discussed next steps with respect to board member recruitment. The Board determined to create a short video for publication on the Oakmont Grapevine, Facebook, and the Library's website. Deborah, Laurie, and Katie will work on the video.

There being no further business to discuss, Deborah moved the meeting be adjourned. Matt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ormay
Recording Secretary