

LIBRARY BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKMONT
Minutes
September 8, 2021

Present: Jeanette Eleff, Wendy Emery, Ann Galm, Katie Lascola, Beth Mellor, Deborah Ormay, Heather Pletcher, Laurie Sliben

Absent: Shane Michael

Chair Laurie Sliben called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July meeting. Heather moved the minutes be approved as amended; Wendy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the minutes were approved as amended.

The Board reviewed staff reports.

Beth presented her report. Chris Little asked that memorial funds donated in honor of Jerry Little go towards updating the adult computer area.

Laurie reported that she gave a presentation to Borough Council in August. All Borough boards report to Council quarterly. In October the Board will review the Strategic Plan. The Board will focus on diversity and inclusion in review of, and revision, to the Strategic Plan. In December the Board will perform their individual and group self-assessments. Laurie distributed the Board calendar that helps track monthly board activities.

Wendy distributed the financial report details as well as a memo discussing the Library's current financial situation. The Board noted that computer repairs and maintenance costs exceeded expectations. Beth explained it was due to replacing WiFi hotspots.

The Board reviewed the budget line items that might be "mined" to be applied to building maintenance and HVAC repair. Deborah moved that \$1500.00 from line item 456.217, \$2000.00 from line item 456.240, \$2200.0 from line item 456.247, and \$38,000.00 from line item 456.740, totaling \$43,700.00, be used for building maintenance and HVAC repairs. Ann seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion was passed. Beth will follow up with Borough Council regarding this vote.

Jeanette reminded the Board that Verona's 150th anniversary celebration is September 18. There will be lots of activities. Jeanette invited Board members to stop by. Staff from the Library's Children's Department will be there.

The Board discussed recent fund raising activities. Katie will give Bike for Books another try next June. The Truck On Down event raised almost \$1900.00. The Board acknowledged the hard work Heather and Ann put into the event to make it a family-friendly outing for all. Next year they will be sure to advertise that attendees can eat inside the Library.

The Board talked about several individuals who expressed interest in joining the Board. The goal is to interview candidates in October to have them in place and ready to go in January.

There being no further business to discuss, Katie moved the meeting be adjourned; Heather seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. and went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ormay
Recording Secretary