

LIBRARY BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKMONT

Minutes

October 12, 2022

Present: Wendy Emery, Shane Michael, Rebecca Panza, Heather Pletcher, Laurie Sliben

Absent: Ann Galm, Jeanette Eleff, Beth Mellor, Deborah Ormay

Guest: Karyn Brooks, President Oakmont-Verona Rotary Club

Chair Shane Michael called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Shane introduced our guest, Karyn Brooks, President of the Oakmont-Verona Rotary Club, welcomed and thanked her for coming to our meeting.

Rebecca briefly questioned if there was anyway to host our Board meetings earlier. Shane stated he would check with the Borough.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September meeting. Wendy moved the minutes be approved; Rebecca seconded. There was no further discussion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Karyn Brooks gave a brief background on herself. She is the current President of the Oakmont-Verona Rotary Club, also owner of PISA, Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena. She has been the President going on four years now. She went on to talk about Rotary. She stated that with donating to Rotary you can guarantee that your monetary donations are going to a real and good cause. One example she shared was about "Shelterbox." Shelterbox is a disaster relief charity that Rotary is involved with, that hand-delivers emergency shelter and essentials to families impacted by natural disaster and conflict.

Rotary began in 1905. The Oakmont-Verona Rotary was formed in 1927. The Rotary Vision Statement is "to see a world together where people can unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and ourselves." Our Rotary is responsible for putting the American Flags up on Veteran holidays throughout the towns. Rotary also helped eradicate polio and works with WHO and the CDC. It is established in over 220 countries in the world. Rotary International is made up of 1.2 million members.

Karyn stated that Rotary was who put up the new Verona signs in town. They are also involved with the Lions Club in the NexTrex program. Shane stated to put the Library on the list to consider as the next candidate for a bench from the program.

The Board reviewed the Staff Reports. There is a Holocaust Story special program, "A Holocaust Story of Love and Resilience" on Monday October 24th from Kurt and Edith Leuchter. Karen is halfway through

her Fall semester and 75% done her Master of Science. She holds a 4.0 GPA. There were no questions on the Staff reports.

The Board reviewed the Director's report in Beth's absence. Rebecca questioned if the Library had placed flyers in checked out books for the Love Your Library campaign. It was believed that there was, but we will confirm with Beth. Heather questioned if there was any update on the Keystone Grant. Shane stated we are just waiting on the Borough we believe.

Shane presented the Chairs Report. Touch A Truck will not be rescheduled for this year, it will be held again next year. The Library will uphold their positive relationship with the Lions Club and ensure we are a part of next years event. Shane stated that we need to begin recruiting two new members for the Board for 2023. We will talk to Scot about applications and new members will be sworn in end of December. Shane also reminded everyone that he sent out Beth's annual evaluation and we as Board members need to complete one and send back to him by the end of October preferably.

Wendy presented the Finance Report. She stated the LYL campaign was very similar to last years. This year we brought in \$13,350 versus last years \$13,588. However, last year we received money for the campaign through the end of October. We are waiting on the RAD numbers to confirm we have hit our 12% budget. Beth mentioned we are on target to hit it.

Laurie gave the Chair's report in Shane's absence. She mentioned that Touch a Truck was coming up. A schedule would be sent out shortly for all volunteers and their shifts. The Lions Club will split the proceeds 50/50 with the Library.

Jeanette gave an update on Verona. She passed out the Verona Community Newsletter. She was going to see if she could have someone from the Verona Historical Society come speak at one of our upcoming Board meetings. She also announced the RWA's yard sale was October 1st. The RWA donates to the Library.

There was no Verona update in the absence of Jeanette.

Next month we will discuss the 2023 Budget update and Board Member recruiting. Also the slate of officers for 2023.

There being no further business to discuss, Laurie moved the meeting be adjourned; Wendy seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Pletcher

Recording Secretary

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