

LIBRARY BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKMONT

Minutes

September 14, 2022

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

Absent: Shane Michael, Rebecca Panza

In the absence of Chair Shane Michael, Laurie Sliben called the meeting to order at 6:42pm.

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

The Board reviewed the Staff Reports. Beth reported that it was the Squirrels Nest's 10 Year Anniversary and Dixie has designated the month of October to celebrate it. Over the past 10 years the Squirrels Nest has made \$112,000. The Big Bag Book Sale will be held on October 29th.

Our new intern, Kendall Resnick, will start September 7th. She will be helping Karen with Book Buddies, STEAM after school, and working on Spanish literacy kits to start. Karen's courses have resumed, and she has her busiest semester yet, with 3 courses.

Beth presented the Director's report. Children's programming took the month of August off. The staff did deep cleaning and had the carpets cleaned, lightbulbs replaced, etc. during that time. When programming began again earlier in the month, it was like there was never a break and it took right back off. There are now no limits on the number of children in the programs.

The Keystone grant is now $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way completed. We are waiting for a proclamation from the borough and a district consultant letter. The grant itself is due October 14th. We also still have money in the budget for new carpet, as we did not replace it because we are still having water issues. It would not make sense to replace the carpet until these issues are resolved. We also now need to have some lighting replaced due to the water damage.

We have hired a Social Media person, Janine Michael. We have arranged for 6 months of her payments and will review after that time.

Love Your Library (LYL) donations are coming in. Last year we received \$26,000 total, \$23,000 in donations and a matching amount of \$3,000.

The furniture from the Jerry Little donations was ordered and will take about 12 weeks to come in. Hopeful to have it in another month or so. The FOOLs also agreed to give us \$6,000 in donations to purchase new childrens furniture.

Wendy presented the Finance Report. She stated we are watching the LYL campaign to see what comes in from that. We are also watching the RAD money to make the 12% budget. The borough will run that report in January. The state report is in March. The endowment is down but the market as a whole has been down.

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.

The Board discussed Board Member Recruitment. We will start looking for new Board members for 2023. There will be two open spots to fill. (Laurie and Deb's terms will be completed). Deb stated that we should strive to have some diversity on the Board. Much discussion arose about introducing more diversity to the Board when recruiting.

The Board discussed two room rental inquiries. The first was for a Guided Meditation for Spiritual Answers and Solutions with Her Holiness Bhavana Shinde. Deb moved that we decline this request, Ann seconded, and all were in favor to decline this request. The second was for a book launch of Do You Ever Wonder by Natasha Grantz. The Board decided that with certain stipulations, the book launch could be held and that the staff would get back to the author to discuss. Heather moved that with said stipulations the book launch be allowed, Wendy seconded, and all were in favor.

There being no further business to discuss, Deb moved the meeting be adjourned; Ann seconded the motion. The motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Pletcher

Recording Secretary