



# Horsham Township Library

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### June 25, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Horsham Township Library met Wednesday, in the Library's Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The following people were present: Milt Kunz, Cindy Weinrich, Janet Whiteside, Kelly Boetefuer, Marie Clark and library director Regina Vesely.

#### **Minutes**

Minutes from March 27th, 2024 meeting were approved with one correction after a motion by Milt Kunz and a second by Cindy Weinrich.

#### **Financial Report**

Library Director Regina Vesely began her report which is attached.

#### **Librarian's Report**

Regina began her report by updating us on Library activities which is also attached:

#### **Unfinished Business**

- **Facilities:** Library has completed new siding project and the new roof is underway. After the roof, the solar collectors will be installed. Our security cameras are being replaced and we will get three added to the five we currently have. This work is being done by Frontline Security. When completed, we will have a more secure library inside and outside in the parking lots. Additionally, our old neon sign is being upgraded to LED lights. When completed it will be rehung. The old ballast lighting is also being replaced in the Library. Finish date for all major work is Fall, 2024.
- **20th Anniversary Plans:** Regina and the committee met and fleshed out a plan for the anniversary on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Next meeting is September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the library. Brian has a save the date card completed to go out in the Fall Horsham Township newsletter. The event will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> with a daytime Family Celebration and an Evening Celebration for Adults.
- **The Mary Dare Memorial Garden Plans:** These are underway with Township and community organizations involvement. The funds raised from raffle baskets at Anniversary event will go towards this project.

#### **New Business**

- None

#### **Announcements**

- None

#### **Adjournment and reminder of next meeting**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM. The next meeting will be held September 25th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Weinrich

## Director's Report

### Spring Partnerships:

- *Montco Office of Health and Human Services*- held an 8 week Tai Chi for seniors session here that quite literally filled up in 1 minute of registration opening. They will return in the fall to offer another series.
- *League of American Bicyclists*-one of their certified instructors planned a family bike safety and traffic skills course in our parking lot for families.
- *Saint John Neumann Cemetery*-taught about the importance of pre-planning and final wishes from the financial to personalization prep of services.
- *Total Performance Physical Therapy*-Dr. Baron led a workshop for seniors in simple exercises that they can practice at home to improve balance.
- *Reynard Financial Coaching LLC*-Funded by the Association of Financial Educators Bill Reynard gave a series of seminars on topics retirement planning, mortgages, and IRA mistakes to avoid.
- *Hatboro-Horsham School District Language Department*-held a 5 week series adult EDL class here that was extremely well attended. Bryan was very involved the class and able to register the attendees to get library cards and educate them on all the library has to offer.

### Summer Reading:

- Adventure begins at your library is the 2024 theme for summer reading, our largest programming season of the year.
- Funded entirely by the Friends we are offering 46 children/family, 13 teen, and 28 adult programs during the 8 week summer reading program.
- In addition to programs and events we host the reading challenge itself where all ages get a raffle ticket for each hour they read, up to 30 hours, during the 8 week period towards our prizes. Hours can be tracked on paper logs or in the beanstack app.
- Joined the Montgomery County Passport to Adventure challenge. This encourages residents to visit other neighboring libraries throughout the summer to get their passports stamped and brings new patrons into our buildings.

**Friends** – Friends have another successful “Build a Pipe Organ” 3 session program the first week of June. They sold out at the Mother’s Day Plant sale and had a very lovely author visit from Wendy Stanley that partnered with our book club in May.

### Unfinished Business

**Facilities** The new siding wrapped up today. Now the same company is on to the flat roof, this will take a good 6 weeks and once that is in place the solar panels go up. The noise has definitely been challenging for both staff and patrons but it’s very exciting to the progress and I’m so happy with the new siding. The front building sign will go back up with LED backlighting to replace the neon that was previously in it.

Working with Public Works and Thome Electric to update our fluorescent lights to LED as they go out to phase this project in. Currently waiting to hear what solution may work for our meeting rooms as we do use the dimmable feature in that space but the main library switch over has begun. All lights will now be the softer white light and the bulbs with last significantly longer.

Security camera overhaul began this week. Frontline Security will be replacing all cameras and adding 5 additional ones, mainly outside, to cover more space. One of those cameras is a 360 degree view in the back corner of the lot near the Keystone Green collection site that is currently experiencing a lot of illegal dumping

of furniture and materials. An issue with how the electric is run from that light pole into the building was found on site this week and currently awaiting a quote on what it might cost to correct this to be able to power this camera.

**20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event Saturday November 9th** Looking to host two events in one day; a daytime family event to include our youngest users. Ellyn is looking into the potential to hire a performer for this event such as the band Ants on a Log to make it even more special of a celebration than story time alone.

For the evening portion; the committee discussed 6:30-8pm and to host it out in the main library rather than containing in the meeting rooms. Light refreshments similar to what we did at the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Milt has reached out to the high school jazz band and the choir and both are receptive to participating. For around the library Bryan is working on some mini 20 years ago trivia building off of our popular quizzes and displays of what was popular in 2004.

Friends will be working on several raffle baskets to raise funds towards the Mary Dare Courtyard.

A play on our logo was created by Bryan to put in the newsletter as a save the date as that was due to the township printers last week.