



Horsham Township Library

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 27, 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: Cindy Weinrich, Janet Whiteside, Kelly Boetefuer, Marie Clark and library director Regina Vesely. Milt Kunz was absent.

Minutes

Minutes from meeting were approved with no additions or corrections after a motion by Cindy Weinrich and a second by Janet Whiteside.

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 will get siding, new roof, and then solar panels beginning in April in the order noted. Finish date is Fall, 2024.
- 20th Anniversary Plans: Regina will be getting together a committee of Library Friends, Board Members and Library staff to begin working on these plans in April or early May. Bryan is capturing video of ongoing Library events to be shown at the 20th anniversary event.
- The Mary Dare Memorial Garden plans are underway. Bill Walker will be meeting with Friends, Rotary and other township organizations to begin financial plans in April. The Garden will renovate and extend the present patio out front.

New Business

- None

Announcements

- April 7-13 will be National Library Week.
- Friends Book Sale will be held April 17-20.
- Author visit sponsored by Friends will be April 30th. Wendy Stanley will return and discuss *The Treason of Betsy Ross*.
- Friends Plant Sale will be May 11th.
- June 1 is Horsham Day. Regina and Bryan will be there with Summer Reading handouts and a giveaway.

Adjournment and reminder of next meeting

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM. The next meeting will be held June 26th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Weinrich

Director's Report March 27, 2024

Financial Report

2024 items:

- *Security camera updates were approved for the 2024 budget. I have 2 quotes so far, one from our current provider Berkshire, another from B-Safe/Advent Security and just met with FrontLine who did the Public Works and Community Center buildings for a third. Our current system is still functioning but severely out of date technology wise. Quotes came back wildly different so going over them with PW to understand the differences and what we need out of ours.*
- *Received notice that state funding for 2024 is estimated slightly higher than in 2023. The 2024 amount for Horsham is \$95,998.38, a \$900 increase.*
- *Oddly enough our fine income since dropping juvenile fines this year is double what it was at this point in 2023.*

Director's Report

Spring Events – Egg hunt was indoors for the second year in a row. Attendance was lower than last year at 671 but still higher than our outdoor version usually goes. We have crafts, egg handouts, photos with the bunny and the Friends sold concessions.

Tai Chi for seniors-9 week session of classes provided by the dept of health and human services. 20 spots filled in the first 5 minutes, as long as the class itself goes well we will definitely plan to offer it again.

Outdoor Story time will return mid-May on Monday mornings again, just before we open starting at 11:30.

Trialing a “Millennial Book Club” hosted by myself, likely over the summer. This will be entirely separate from our regular, year round adult book club.

Friends – Friends have a book sale coming April 17-20 in the meeting rooms. They also will have their annual Mother's Day plant sale May 11th. They are sponsoring bringing in local author Wendy Stanley for a visit and presentation related to her new book “The Treason of Betsy Ross” which is also the book club's April title to coincide with her visit on April 30th. The Friends would like to start sending a representative to our Board meetings to share information and keep up with what we work on as well. Friends also voted to fund another year of our BookPage magazine subscription.

Summer Reading- The Friends approved the full requested budget of \$6,490 at their February meeting. The theme for 2024 is “Adventure Begins at Your Library”. Bryan, Ellyn, and Kyle are almost done planning their events and have hired all paid performers and instructors. Next up is ordering the prizes and supplies for in house programs.

National Library Week- April 7-13th The Friends will be providing breakfast on that Monday for our full staff meeting. We have another spirit week planned for staff theme days, this year we have cozy day, hat day, print and patterns day, flannel day and tshirt day. For social media we are also planning for each of the full-time librarians to do a “day in the life” style post to give patrons a better idea of what each unique position actually does on a daily basis.