

Bethel-Tulpehocken Public Library
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Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting for June 9th, 2022

In Attendance: Mike Najarian, Nancy Guida, Paul Stauffer, Linda Wilcox, Kaitlin Lehman, Willie Weiler, Becky Wanamaker (District Consultant)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with a quorum represented.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the May 2022 meeting were approved with a correction to the date was noted (Paul/Nancy) voice vote, motion carried.

Expenditure Report:

Expenditures to vendors of \$4,376.83 and Payroll of \$8,443.33 for a total of \$12,820.16 for the month of May 2022. (Mike/Nancy) voice vote, motion carried. (see attached)

Library Director's Report:

1. The May library programs, listed below, were well attended:
 - a. Preschool Storytime – 4 dates (98 total attendees)
 - 1) taught by Betsy, Trish & volunteer Deb Kieffer
 - b. Movie Night – Ratatouille movie (8 all ages attendees)
 - 1) hosted by Daphne
 - c. Book Club (6 adult attendees)
 - d. Block Party – Monthly (26 preschooler attendees)
 - 1) hosted by Betsy
 - e. Pizza & Pages and Teen Club (11 teen attendees)
 - 1) hosted by Betsy and sponsored by Mancino's
 - f. Healthy Kids Crew (21 kids & teens attendees)
 - 1) led by Kellee
 - g. Trim Healthy Mama (15 adult attendees)
 - 1) led by Kellee
 - h. Master Gardner Presentation (10 attendees)
 - 1) hosted by Penn State
 - i. I'm that Girl Book Club (6 adult attendees)
 - 1) Led by Kellee
 - j. Teen Club (18 teen attendees)
 - 1) Hosted by Betsy
2. The total people count for May was 1,902 with 15 adult and 4 juvenile new cards registered.
4. The total item circulation for May was 8,654.
5. Kaitlin reported that the 2022 Summer Reading Program kicked off with 85 children signing up. They are looking forward to a very successful program.
6. A reminder that the Summer Carnival will be held on Saturday, August 1st, 2022.

President's Report:

1. Building Renovation
 - a. Bids should be received and announced at the July Township Supervisors Meeting.
2. Discussion on Fund Raising was the main topic of the meeting.
 - a. The main idea that was brought up was to hold a Barn Bash (pig roast, hayride, D.J) along with a raffle. The thought was to possibly hold it at the library for the first time to see how it would be attended. The other thought was to just have a raffle and not do the barn bash. There was also some discussion on a gun raffle, Nancy had voiced her concern of having one at this time.
 - 1) If we just do the raffle at this time Paul suggested that we still think about doing a fall fest as a community event.
 - b. A list of some raffle items was: theatre tickets, restaurant reservations, Hershey Park tickets, gift baskets, side of beef, vacation home stay, grill, oil change, hunter's weekend, etc.
 - 1) Willie Weiler will look into the possibility of getting some of these items donated.
 - c. There was discussion on the number of tickets to sell and each board member was in agreement to sell 100 tickets at a price of \$20.00. each and also to have tickets made available at the library for purchase.
 - d. Kaitlin had also brought up the point that along with fundraising we should be looking into approaching businesses in the town for some financial support for the library.
2. Kaitlin and Betsy attended the "Stop the Summer Slide" program at the elementary school to talk about the library summer programs. They mentioned that all are welcome to the library even if they've had a bad experience in the past! The library is a friendly and welcoming facility in the community.
3. Becky Wanamaker introduced herself to the membership. She's the District Consultant for the Berks County Library System and is the liaison between the state and county. She attended our board meeting to get acquainted with our board members and make herself available for support and questions we many have. It was also mentioned that our board members would be welcome to connect with board members from other Berks County libraries for networking help.
4. A motion was made by Mike Najarian and Seconded by Linda Wilcox to welcome Willie Weiler as a new board member. Voice vote and motioned carried. His Name will be submitted to the township for approval as a new library board member.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm. (Mike/Paul)

Next regularly scheduled Meeting: Thursday, July 14th, 2022 starting at 7:00pm.
Bethel Township Supervisors meeting: Thursday, July, 14th, 2022 starting at 6:00pm
Berks County Public Library System Board Meeting: Wednesday August 17th 2022
starting at 7:00pm (System Board funding formula review)

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Guida