

Bethel-Tulpehocken Public Library
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Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting for February 8th, 2024

In Attendance: Mike Najarian, Jennifer Schmehl, Paul Stauffer, Linda Wilcox, Betsy Kreider, Willie Weller, Bret Wiest and (Kaitlyn Lehman, Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm with a quorum represented.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for the January were not available for approval.

Expenditure Report:

Expenditures to vendors of \$5748.72 and Payroll of \$11,945.89 for a total of \$17,694.61 for the month of January 2024. (Mike/Jennifer) voice vote motion carried.

Library Director's Report:

1. The December library programs, listed below, were well attended:
 - a. Preschool Storytime -4 dates (137 attendees)
 - 1) taught by Betsy @Baked Sweets
 - b. Book Club at Juniper/Outreach
 - 1) Betsy (18 attendees)
 - c. Book Club (Adults 5 attendees)
 - d. Best Sellers & Baked Goods (Adults 25 attendees)
 - 1) Kaitlin @ Baked Sweets

Grand Total: Eight events 210 Attendees

Old Business: Cold calls to businesses. Did anyone follow up with this?

Fundraising is needed now more than ever!

Pay Rates for Library Employees were given to the board at our January meeting. The pay increases began on Monday, January 29th.

President's Report:

Building Renovation: Furniture has been ordered. A possible move in date is set for Wednesday, February 28th into the new library. New shelving is set to come on February 19th.

Building Renovation cont: Mike will be coming in to test the computers at the new circulation desk. There is also a need for security cameras, fire detector's and carbon monoxide detectors for the new building. The township would like us to get bids for all of this and turn them into the township. Paul is working on getting three bids for all of this. The new sign for the library is on hold at this present time due to the fact that we need a building permit from the township in order to move forward. The township agreed to pay the last bill to Arthur Funk and Sons in the amount of \$119,456.20 and the bill to APR Supplies in the amount of \$25,761.93

New Business: Mattea Cone is a new hire for the library. Mettea's first day will be Tuesday, February 20th, at a pay rate of \$12.00 an hour.

Fundraising:

Mike, Willie and Bret, as well as Kaitlyn, Betsy, Kelly and Daffney will be meeting with David Belanger to talk about long term funding needs for the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 Willie/Linda motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Thursday, March 14th, 2024 starting at 7:00 pm.
Bethel Board of Supervisors meeting: Thursday, March 14th, 2024 starting at 6:00 pm.
Tulpehocken Board of Supervisors meeting: Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Wilcox