

Schuylkill Valley Community Library

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2018

1. **Call to order 7pm-** Present were Solomon Lausch, Erica Burch, Christie Brown, Kelly Ruth, Cathy Hartman, Kathy Gerber-Fegely, Stephanie Jacobs, Helen Flynn, Patrick Manwiller, Sharon Wilson. Roger Schmidt was absent.
2. **Summer Reading Program-** Guest Kelly Jacoby, the SVCL youth librarian, was invited to describe the summer reading program. Due to a funding grant, she is able to take seven programs every other week to various locations within our area. There is also a program scheduled on a local farm, partnering with the dairy association. October will be cheese month. She has formed a community partnership with the fire department for a fire safety program and the breakfast with Santa. She and Christie have plans to create “experience kits” with themes and materials which they would like to catalog and make available for borrowing. The board members expressed appreciation for her creativity and dedication.
3. **Minutes-** approved
4. **Treasurer’s Report-** approved. It was noted that we have received our per capita donation from Bern Township.
5. **Trustee Reports-** none
6. **Librarian’s Report-**Christie noted that circulation numbers are still down due to bridge construction. The board concurred with her decision to discontinue the Leesport Farmer’s Market drop-off booth, however, due to small numbers of transactions over the summer. There is increased attendance at our weekly Learn N Play Day. The library will be continuing the daycare visits as well as delivering books to Berks Heim and Southgate.
7. **Reports**
 - Building and Grounds-** The driveway work is scheduled for September 30- October 2. Christie will contact the contractor about the possibility of keeping the library open during the construction.

Policy Reviews- The hiring policy will be emailed with the October agenda.

County Library System- A new county director has been hired.

8. Driveway paving update- The board reviewed the contributions toward the paving project as noted in the budget document.

9. County Funding Formula- Erica and Christie reported that we get a small funding bump due to the new formula.

10. Nominations Committee Selection- Current officers will be contacted to inquire whether they will serve for another year. The treasurer, Cathy Hartman has submitted her resignation effective at the end of the year/term.

11. Friends Group-

Book Sale October 5th 9am-7pm and October 6th 9am-2pm

The next Friends meeting is September 26 at 7pm.

12. Other- Dr. Lausch encouraged board members to attend the fall township meetings to express appreciation for their generous donations.

13. Remaining 2018 Meetings: Oct. 10, Nov. 14, December 12

14. Adjournment- 8:30pm