

WERNERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 13, 2020

Mission Statement: The Wernersville Public Library inspires learning, creates community, and transforms lives with quality resources and services.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance: Sandee Nevitt, Deb Scull, Kristi Brant, Greg Mazurek, Allison Plevrakis, Abby Showalter, Bridgid Good, Leigh-Anne Yacovelli

I. Public portion – 3 minute limit – There were no public comments.

II. Treasurer's Report – Allison reported that a \$12,500 transfer from ML savings has now taken place. Investments are performing well. We are now waiting on municipalities for final allocation decisions. Deb will report on Lower Heidelberg's decision around 10-19-2020. The board also discussed attending the South Heidelberg Township workshop on 10-20-20 to request release of funds, and determined to review the 2021 funding request letter to be formally presented at the S. Heidelberg Township public meeting the week after. Bridgid made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Kristi seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Director's Report – Leigh-Anne presented a draft budget which maintains personnel line the same as 2020. She stated that her intention is to limit raises in 2021. She reported that the state and municipalities will provide updates on funding in November and December.

IV. Friend's Report

- a. The Friends are hopeful that they will receive funds from Boscov's Community Days, which is being handled differently this year due to the pandemic. Vouchers are not being sold in advance, but patrons may request that a percentage of their purchase support the Friends of the Wernersville Public Library when purchasing their items in the store.
- b. CARES grant – the Friends have applied for a CARES grant.
- c. Volunteers in library – The board agreed to allow one person at a time to volunteer in the library, for no more than 1.5 hours at a time. The board stipulated that the volunteer(s) must agree to all COVID-19 compliance measures and that this is subject to change if circumstances dictate.

V. Old Business

- a. Policy and By-Laws Committee Report- this work is on hold for the remainder of the year.
- b. Food for Fines – Leigh-Anne reported that she forgave a little over \$100 in fines and collected more food than in previous years.
- c. Recruiting new board members: The board continues to seek new members.

VI. New Business

- a. Vote to approve Kate Sowers' resignation and remove her from all signatory documents. The board accepts, with regret, Kate Sowers' resignation. 1st Kristi, 2nd Allison. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. Vote on Board Resolution for the Waiver for Standards (for operating hours in 2020 due to Covid-19) – The board unanimously approved the Waiver described below:

WHEREAS, PA Public Library Code 24 Pa.C.S. § 9332 (a) authorizes the State Librarian to waive standards for local libraries, library systems, and district centers upon application by the board of directors of the local library. And WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 Public Library Subsidy falls below the 2002-2003 funding level of \$75,289,000. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of requests a waiver of standards for the reporting year(s) at a duly-noticed meeting of the Board held on 10-13-2020.

1st Allison, 2nd Bridgid. Kristi and Sandee agreed to come to the library to sign the document.

- c. Slate of officers – The board discussed its slate of officers for 2021.
- d. Annual Fund drive – The board discussed this and other fundraising. Abby and Leigh-Anne will work on the newsletter and Giving Tuesday and provide an update in November. The board also began to consider ideas for fundraising in the spring
- e. Signups for Townships and Borough meetings – the board confirmed who would be attending meetings to request 2021 funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. (Allison 1st; Abby 2nd)

Next Meeting: November 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Brant, Secretary

