Board Meeting Minutes from Thursday, May 10, 2018

Present Board Members: Jennifer Yetter, Donna Bird, Kevin Cramsey, John Emerick, Jody Kuluga, Andrea Dillaway-Huber, Sherry Auman

Others Present: Jestyn Payne, Donna Eby, Candace Donato, Kevin Bitz, Barbara Kline, Kimberly Rice, Meghan Golden

Executive Session prior to meeting.

Meeting called to order 7:07

Consent agenda approved - motioned by Andrea; motion carried.

Candace (Youth Librarian)

- Renegotiated Junior Library Guild subscription with top books put into library hands. Last contract was $9706.92 new contract is $7493.70 (a $2213.22 savings), starting September 2018 and ending August of 2020. Payment will be made monthly rather than one lump sum. We receive 628 books at $12.01 per book. This is an increase of 124 books from last contract.
- During the last 19 weeks 690 people came for programs which is an average of 36 people per week.

Meghan discussed the Summer Reading Program (Every Story Matters is the theme)
- Registration slip
- 3 age groups each having an activity sheet to complete. Age appropriate prizes. 0-24 months
- 2 Way Scooter is the grand prize for ages 0-5 year old children.
- 3 ways to participate: good deeds, programs, minutes read. 2 bicycles are grand prizes for grades K-5th.
- Raffle prizes
- Teens-log sheets, STEM worksheets included. Adding more than reading as per state. $50 VISA gift card is the grand prize
- Summer Calendar passed around.

Summer Programs:
- Lehigh Valley Zoo June 23rd at 10:30 AM.
- Story Times - positive impact on their lives and others
- Playgroups and toddler movement classes
- 3 murder mysteries for teens, Escape the library, Oregon Trail
- Heifer International - read to feed sponsored for summer reading. Group provided live animals for people in need.

Candace focus is on programming
- Monday - board games
- Tuesday - story times with craft
- Wednesday - story times with craft
- Thursday - Summer Quest/ Legos and Eggos
- Friday - Princess Dress Up and Disney themes
- Fire Fighters once a month
- Pet Therapists
- Retro dance party (50’s - 90’s) every other Friday night
- Kickoff program with Marcha Heyht a musician now writes children’s books. Performing and donating book collection
- Berks County Rocks - fundraiser they are donating the rocks and painting with the kids
- Yocum Institute coming and coordination live action play
- Also doing zoo event

Solicitor update:
- Signed 3 year lease beginning in July
- Approved construction contract with Turnberry Custom Homes Incorporated, motion made by Jody; motion carried
- Internship program with Kutztown University. Donna E will continue discussions; maybe pay for credits

John reviewed possible changes to funding formula. Comments need to be made by the end of May. System might be voting soon on branch situations for 2021. Jen will email BCPL for clarification on what that means for Spring.

Other comments: Donna B brought up the idea of having employees wear name tags.