

1/22/19 Womelsdorf Library Board of Trustees Meeting

- I. Call to Order- 6:37 PM
- II. Welcome to guests and Friends- None present.
- III. Election of officers
 - a. President -Tim Kreider
 - b. Treasurer- Irene Sileski
 - c. Secretary- Sarah Palmer

A Motion to approve all nominees was made by Danell Schoemaker, and a Second was made by James Gibson. All approved.

- IV. Approval of November 2018 Minutes- A Motion to approve made by James Gibson, and a Second was made by Trista Oxenreider. All approved.
- V. Good News/Brag Moments- Nina Meister reported that the Library combined the Friday craft clubs, and they regularly have 4-6 people attend. The Library also started a teen and youth adult table top game night, on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, the participants really enjoyed it, and are asking for more nights, the Library is looking for more dates to hold this activity.
- VI. Correspondence- Diane will be sending out cards 1/23/19.
- VII. Open forum for guests and friends- None.
- VIII. Director's Report-
 - a. Discussion on Children's Librarian- Nina Meister brought it to the attention of the board that the Children's Librarian was seeking a pay increase, or more hours. Three out of the five board members present voiced objection to both. Based on the decrease of the attendance in children's program attendance over the last year.
 - b. Nina reported on STEAM Storytimes- Nina provided the dates, and that there are two new storyriders, this is posted in the newsletter, merchandiser, and on social media.
 - c. Nina reported on the Fire & Ice Festival: It will be held 7/27/19. They are looking for sponsors for wrist bands and booklets. Tim emphasized the need to have everything lined up by March.
 - d. Nina reported that she will be participating in a webinar on 1/29/19 regarding the Keystone Grant.
 - e. Nina reported on the Little Free Libraries campaign. There are several individuals collecting materials to build the first one. It costs \$45-\$50 to registers one. The board agreed that the Library could provide books that are labeled as unprocessed, and the Library would still receive circulation credits. Nina will keep us updated on the Womelsdorf Borough approval of the first location, which was suggested for at the Pool.
 - f. Nina was asking for guidance on the issue of Bethany Children's Home children not being able to gain a library card. The Board suggested approaching BCPL to ask special permission that if books are not returned Bethany Children's home pays for the book,

no late fees. The board suggested a trial period of 1 book per child. Danell made a motion, and James motioned second. All approved.

- g. Nina asked for permission to attend either the ARSL or PALA conference. She may be a presenter at the ARSL conference, and if so will get a \$100 discounted rate of \$175 to register. The board suggested providing more details at the next meeting.
 - h. The 2017 v. 2018 statistics were presented. There were decreases in circulation and Children's Attendance. The decrease in circulation has been a trend at most libraries. The decrease in attendance of children's programs was noted as possibly an aging out. The board suggested reaching out to day care, by doing a story time, and outreach to local pre-schools, as a possible field trip.
- IX. Review Financials for November, December 2018, approve pending audit.
- X. Discussion and approval of 2019 budget- Danell motioned to approved the budget and James made the second motion. All approved.
- XI. Update from the BCPL Meeting.
- a. Nina reported that they will be holding a seminar in March, "Is the Patron Always Right"
 - b. Nina also reported BCPL will be coming out with their annual report very soon.
 - c. Nina reported that a representative from CHIP, is asking to hold walk up stations at the libraries, and that she is hoping he will be at Womelsdorf in April.
 - d. Tim reported that the County funding formula has not changed
 - e. Tim reported that the Reading Library is encouraging hosting Hoopla. The board expressed that they are not interested in this, at this time.
 - f. Tim reported that one of the speakers re-iterated that libraries are becoming more of a community meeting place, than just a place to store books. Tim suggested that we start thinking of ways that we can increase that mentality.
 - g. Nina reported that County is asking to hold events at the libraries, for voters to come and look at the new voting machines.
 - h. Nina and Tim reported on the success of passport services being available at some libraries, and Nina is going to look into it.
 - i. Tim reported that the Friends, of the Berks County Library are asking for support, and sharing their information.
- XII. Fall appeal letter results- \$7,585, which included a \$1,000 donation from the Fritztown Social Hall.
- XIII. Online banking option- Irene noted that there is no update, and probably not going to happen because of the 2nd signature needed.
- XIV. Patron Survey- Will carry over to the February meeting.
- XV. Keystone Grant- Will carry over to the February meeting, Nina and Tim will have more information after the webinar.
- XVI. Open Forum- Begin process of updating the strategic plan- will continue to look at in the future.
- XVII. Adjourned the meeting.

