

**FAPL Board of Trustees Minutes  
May 15, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Lois Geist, Dan Stafford, Akiko Strum, Lee Turner Merkel, Laura Walizer, Marsha Anderson, Mackenzie Weaver, and Library Director Carin Mileschosky

**Guests:** Scott Strum, Dave Meas, Helen Flynn, Denise Curran, Marc and Jane Althen

Mr. Strum was in attendance to observe the meeting and offer advice for proceeding with the new library space. The other guests were involved with the capital campaign, obtaining grant funding, and renovations for the Mifflin Community Library. Some of the advice and recommendations they shared included:

1. Obtain multiple estimates for the work to be done and ask questions.
2. When running a Capital Campaign do not limit your requests for donations to your immediate area. Many of the larger companies within your county have foundations willing to donate funds for projects. It was suggested to contact the Berks County Community Foundation.
3. They suggested different ways to approach, thank and acknowledge donors for the project.

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to be read.

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items:**

Motion made by Lee Merkel with a second by Akiko Strum to approve the minutes of April 17, 2018 and the Library Director's report. Motion carried.

There was no President or Treasurer's report presented for approval.

**BCPLS Report:** Dan Stafford attended the April BCPLS meeting. He reported that Denise Sticha is no longer the administrator for the Berks County Library System. Under the new Library Funding Formula some libraries will lose some of their funding and others will receive additional funds. Fleetwood Library is listed to receive additional funding. The funding formula will be voted upon at the next meeting in August.

**New Library Space:**

A discussion was held regarding obtaining additional cost estimates for the new library space. It was decided that the board should obtain two more estimates to avoid any problems related to our fiduciary responsibility to the library and conflicts of interest. Lee Merkel and Mackenzie Weaver will contact other contractors to obtain the estimates. President Lois Geist will contact Peter Laucks regarding holding off on the permit drawings until the board has reviewed all the costs estimates.

**Old Business:**

Lee Merkel reported on the Library's profits for food sold at the Back to School Program and popcorn sold at the Homecoming Event.

**New Business:**

Carin Mileschosky will attend a Rotary Club meeting to request a donation for the new library space. She requested that a board member attend the meeting with her. Akiko Strum expressed her interest in attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. upon a motion by Akiko Strum and a second by Mackenzie Weaver.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Anderson