

Minutes of October 9, 2018

Meeting of Board of Trustees, Hamburg Public Library

Board members present: Pat Adams, Jeanette Heckman, Lori Moyer, Christine Roth, Barbara Strunk.

Also Present: Librarian Dan LaRue

Absent: Joan Adams, Shirley Hix, Susan Leiby, Michael Stasulli

Call to order: Jeanette Heckman called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Pat Adams made the motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Barbara Strunk. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: There was no report due to the absence of Shirley Hix and Susan Leiby. Lori Moyer (who was not present at the September meeting) asked for clarification of the bookkeeping matter of \$4623.19 mentioned in the minutes of the September meeting. This will be clarified at the next meeting when the treasurer should be present.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Library:

Librarian's Report: The person selected to be the Children's Librarian will be here tonight. The color-coded schedule for the part-time positions for the new Children's Librarian and for Donna Sweigert was reviewed and discussed.

There will be a program on the native Americans of Berks County on Monday, October 22 in the Municipal Building at 6:30 P.M. (The date for this was erroneously recorded as October 27 in the minutes of the September meeting.)

There are only two seats remaining for the bus trip to New York in November.

Dan reported that the Hoopla system used to order e-books and audio books online is very expensive and there are no longer any funds for it. Hoopla is a service provided by the Reading Library. At the next BCPL meeting the future of Hoopla will be discussed and a decision will be made.

The "Friends of the Library" will hold a Mini-Book Sale in the library lobby during regular library hours November 7, 8, and 9. Board members are asked to provide baked goods for a mini-bake sale to be held in conjunction with the mini-book sale

Library: In September circulation totaled 4397 items including 205 e-books; there were 700 computer usage sessions. Total program attendance was 93, and the people count was 2822.

Building Maintenance: David Eyer saw that the exterior windows need to be painted and volunteered to pay for them to be painted. Four painters have been contacted to provide estimates.

Berks County Public Libraries System Meeting: No report

Old Business:

Interview Committee: Barbara Strunk made the motion to hire Rebecca Hartman as the part-time Children's Librarian and Lori Moyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Introduction of Mrs. Becky Hartman The members of the board introduced themselves to Mrs. Hartman. Jeanette spoke glowingly of the impression Becky made in the interview process. Becky spoke about her background as an elementary school librarian and her Hamburg roots. She will start November 1. Both Donna and Becky will work an average of 30 hours per week.

Fundraising Ideas: Lori Moyer presented some other ideas for fundraisers for Hamburg-er Day such as a "Perk-up" coffee truck, or selling smoothies or other desserts. Lori presented sample pricing of treats from Sweet Street Treats. She asked the board to consider the possibility of selling something other than ice cream as a fundraiser on Hamburg-er Day. She proposed that making the library "dessert central" may attract more attention than ice cream. She asked the board to consider this when it comes time to plan for the next Hamburg-er day.

Washington Bus Trip: Pat Adams reported that she contacted Bieber Bus regarding the spring trip to Washington D.C. The available dates are April 6, April 7 or May 4.

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 7, 8 & 9 –Mini Booksale and Mini Bakesale—Library Lobby

Nov. 10— Bus Trip to NYC – Cost is \$45 per person Bus leaves at 8:00 A.M. Jeanette Heckman will represent the library.

Nov. 13— HPL Board of Trustees Mtg.

Adjournment: Pat Adams made the motion to adjourn; Jeanette Heckman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Roth, Secretary