MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RIDLEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTER
August 24, 2026 -- Meeting held in person at the Library

ATTENDANCE: Diane Maginnis, Donna Murray, Judy Augustine, Michele Karpyn, Lisa Maffei Hahn, Judy Cianciarulo, Jennifer Quinn, Jody Ryan, Michelle Callahan, Sarah Celona

ABSENT: none

6 PM Ms. Maginnis called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING
Meeting was published in local newspapers, Township website and Library website.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
Ms. Celona commented that school starts September 1. Ms. Callahan commented that there is a Commissioners meeting coming up shortly, but there is no other news.

MINUTES
Motion made to approve the minutes from the June 22 Board meeting (Augustine/Karpyn). Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Ms. Karpyn said everything is signed and in order. There were no questions from the Trustees. Motion made to approve payment of bills for July and August (Cianciarulo/Maginnis). Motion carried.

STATISTICS
Statistics look impressive as always. Ms. Murray pointed out that circulation in July was 17,738, the highest for a single month in at least 12 years, maybe longer. Circulation runs high in July & August and has exceeded 17,000 for the past three years. But July 2026 was a new high. She credited the staff, both collection development and circulation, for the impressive numbers.

NEW BUSINESS
The next meetings of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners are on August 26 (Ms. Karpyn is scheduled to attend) and September 23 (Ms. Augustine) at 6 PM at Garling Hall. The next DCLB meeting is at 6:30 PM on October 15 both on Zoom and in the County Council Room at the Government Center in Media. (Ms. Quinn is scheduled to attend).

OLD BUSINESS
Election of Officers: Ms. Maginnis asked if there was any input or interest relating to election of officers. No responses were offered. Motion made to retain current officers for another year (Quinn/Cianciarulo/Ryan). Unanimous agreement. Officers will remain as follows: President: Diane Maginnis; Vice President: Judy Augustine; Treasurer: Michele Karpyn; Secretary: Lisa Maffei Hahn.

Motion made to ratify e-mail vote to spend $34,754 on three study pods (Augustine/Karpyn). Motion carried.

FUNDRAISING REPORT
Ms. Karpyn gave an update on the ongoing Stock's pound cake sale. 101 cakes have been sold as of the beginning of this meeting. Our minimum to sell is 144, so we are doing well. Keep sharing and selling. Ms. Hahn will contact Tanglewood about a fundraiser in October. Ms. Karpyn asked for suggestions on what gift cards to purchase to put into the upcoming Christmas/Holiday basket. There were several suggestions by the Trustees on local places to purchase gift cards. Ms. Hahn will purchase holiday lottery tickets when they are released. Discussion took place about the other contents of the Christmas box and many suggestions were made.

Ms. Maginnis asked Ms. Murray if the library will have a table at the Fall Festival for people to sign up for library cards. Ms. Murray stated that at this time the library Teen Advisory Board (TAB) will have a craft table. Ms. Maginnis asked if the Board or library staff can display informational pamphlets on our tables about museum passes and the Library of Things and other services offered by the library. Ms. Murray reported that Ms.

Longbottom will be available to open the doors for the Trustees and Friends for the Bake table, Stocks pickup, and book sale, and will also help direct vendors to their tables. Healthy discussion about the Fall Festival Trustee Table. Ms. Maginnis will send an informational email with the details

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Ms. Murray reported that $69,676 was moved from the 6-month CD to the general fund to cover the planned and approved renovations, including new carpet tiles in the children's library and the large meeting room, the required moving expense for that project, and three study pods. She added that the pods have been ordered, the movers scheduled, and carpet installation starts 8/31.

She also reported that as the Ridley Township Night Out was held 8/4 as planned, the library closed at 5 PM. She suggested we consider participating in that event in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS
The library continues to submit news to various local newspapers. The library has a healthy social media presence, which is how most communications are viewed these days.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Congratulations to all the Officers who were voted back into their current Officer positions

Ms. Ryan has signed her Trustee Contract. Ms. Ryan and Ms. Quinn will need Library shirts. They were advised to stop in and check for size availability at the library.

Ms. Maginnis asked about the remaining pool passes. Ms. Murray stated that all had been distributed but was unaware if they had been used.

Ms. Murray was questioned about Home Delivery Services, and said there have been a number of inquiries, but at present, only one patron is using the service. To acquire more interest, the following suggestions were offered: Ms. Ryan suggested checking with Woodlyn Housing Authority, and Ms. Quinn advised of the difficulties involving the Authority. Ms. Karpyn suggested the Folsom Senior Center and Ms. Maginnis suggested the State Representatives who have Ridley under their jurisdiction. Ms. Murray will address, check on flyer availability for distribution and communicate with Ms. Shreckengast, who is the staff member running this program.

Ms. Maginnis asked about part-time employees being certified as passport acceptance agents, as she thought it was only full-time staff. Ms. Murray said that any staff member (FT and PT) may become certified.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS
Ms. Karpyn and Ms. Maginnis reported on June 27 and Ms. Ryan on July 22 Commissioners' meetings. Full minutes from the Commissioners' meetings can be found on the Township website. The August 17 DCLB meeting was cancelled, so there was no report to be given.

NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 6 PM on September 28, at the library. Ms. Hahn will not be attending the September and December Meetings. Ms. Quinn volunteered to take the Board Minutes in her absence, and Ms. Ryan will be Ms. Quinn's back-up. Many thanks.

BOARD ADJOURNED: Motion made to adjourn (Quinn/Cianciarulo). Motion carried. Time: 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lisa Maffei Hahn, Secretary, RTPLRC