

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RIDLEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTER
January 27, 2025 -- Meeting held in person at the Library**

ATTENDANCE: Diane Maginnis, Donna Murray, Judy Augustine, Debbie Sweeney, Lisa Maffei Hahn, Edna Fury, Michele Karpyn, Betsy Cummins, Christine McMenamin

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. Cummins informed the Board that Michael Capozzoli, Jr. was appointed as Commissioner for the 8th Ward. Officer Sara Howell was presented with commendations in recognition of her actions rescuing a man from a car fire on the train tracks. The family of a young man who passed at the Fairview/MacDade intersection is asking the Township to take action to improve safety on MacDade Blvd. Library Board appointments, reappointments, and resignations will be presented at next month's Commissioners meeting. Ms. Karpyn and Ms. McMenamin spoke about the wonderful job crossing guards do throughout the school district.

MINUTES

Motion made to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2024 meeting. (Sweeney/Karpyn). Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

All the finances look to be in order. All agreed that everything looks good. Motion was made to approve payment of bills for December 2024 and January 2025. (Hahn/Augustine) Motion carried.

STATISTICS

The Board reviewed the statistics and agreed that they look impressive as always.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners is February 26 (Ms. Karpyn is scheduled to attend). The next DCLB meeting is February 20 both on Zoom and in the County Council Room at the Government Center in Media. (Ms. Karpyn is scheduled to attend). Board members were reminded that Zoom attendance counts, but you must to register in advance.

OLD BUSINESS

Revisions to the Holiday Schedule: the Director requested that the board add three changes: 1) to close early, at 5 PM on Dec. 23; 2) to close early, at 1 PM on Dec. 31; and 3) shorter hours (9 AM to 1 PM) on Saturdays during the summer, June 28 to Aug. 30. Motion made (Augustine/Karpyn) and carried.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

The Board addressed having a Spring raffle as we did not do a raffle in December. Ms. Karpyn volunteered to put the raffle basket together. Please have donations (gift cards, etc.) in Feb. 14. Ticket sales will begin March 1. Winner will be pulled April 16. Ms. Hahn suggested another Stock's poundcake fundraiser, and the Board approved. She will contact Stock's to schedule a pickup date for Fall Festival sales and distribution.

Ms. Murray reported that the library will label two Please Touch Museum passes and the Delaware Museum of Nature & Science as supported by the Board of Trustees.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director reported that the library reached a number of milestones in 2024: 33,883 program attendance and 180,837 books and other items checked out. Both statistics are 10-year-highs in those categories. After hours programming in February is Sensory Playtimes on Tuesdays at 9 AM. The library is adding Amazon and our plumber (Drain Surgeon) to autopay.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the newspaper articles included in this month's meeting packet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

School District Donation Query: Ms. McMenemy advised it was in the works and forthcoming.

Friends Donation: With only one individual handling all the facets of the Friends Organization, the Director advised it was unknown at this time when the donation would occur. The Director reported the Friends Giving Tuesday revenues amounted to \$710. There was a healthy discussion about the future of the Friends Group.

Contact List: The Director will update the list to incorporate recent Trustee resignations, new trustees when appointed, and will also update as term limits are renewed.

Business Cards: The Director will initiate the cards for Ms. Sweeney.

Thank You: A card of appreciation was sent to Ann Whitehouse (who resigned from the Board effective 1/2/25) on behalf of the Trustees and Director.

Volunteer Sheets were sent out to the Trustees on 1/11/25 for the Commissioner and DCLB Meetings. Update with volunteers will be forthcoming.

Spirit Newspaper: There was a great article about DCLB and their President Anny Laepple in the newspaper which was sent to the Trustees and Director on 1/4 as well as Ms. Laepple.

Museum passes: The Director gave an update on passes. After discussion with staff, the Library will only maintain two Elmwood Zoo Passes. The two Please Touch Museum passes, and the Delaware Museum of Nature and Science pass will be designated as courtesy of the Trustees. Longwood Gardens does not issue passes to all libraries in Delaware County.

Resignation/Interested Party: Ms. Fury handed in her resignation letter at the Board Meeting. Shout out to her for an amazing job. She will be missed. An Interested individual has sent her resume for consideration to be on the Board. Both will be forwarded to the Trustees, Director and Library Liaison Ms. Cummins.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioners' meetings: Ms. Maginnis attended the December 18 meeting and viewed the January 22 meeting and reiterated the updates from Ms. Cummins.

Ms. Augustine and Ms. Hahn reported on the December 19 DCLB meeting. They gave the Ridley Township Library status report at the meeting, including Mary Tobin's retirement, passport information, prom dress collection, wrap parties. News was well-received and generated interest in the events. DCLB reported that another member library is forfeiting 2022 funding due to audit issues. Their funding will be distributed to the remaining member libraries with the exception of two who have declined. Full minutes from the DCLB meetings can be found on the website.

Ms. Hahn suggested that since we cannot miss any meetings this year, we have alternates available for the 2025 DCLB meetings who will register on Zoom. This is just in case the scheduled person needs to cancel last minute. Ms. Sweeney volunteered to be the alternate.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 6 PM on Monday, February 24, in person at the Library.

BOARD ADJOURNED AT 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Maffei Hahn, Secretary, RTPLRC