

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
RIDLEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTER  
March 23, 2026 -- Meeting held in person at the Library.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Diane Maginnis, Donna Murray, Judy Augustine, Lisa Maffei Hahn, Judy Cianciarulo, Michele Karpyn, Jennifer Quinn

**ABSENT:** Deborah Sweeney, Betsy Cummins, School Board Liaison

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**

There were no comments from the public.

**MINUTES**

Motion made to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026 Board meeting. (Augustine/Cianciarulo). Motion carried. Note: There was no February meeting due to weather issues.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

In Ms. Sweeney's absence, Ms. Murray asked if there were any questions. All agreed that everything looks to be in order. Motion made to approve payment of bills for Feb. and March. (Maginnis/Karpyn) Motion carried.

**STATISTICS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

The next meetings of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners are on March 25 (Ms. Quinn scheduled to attend) and April 22 (Ms. Hahn), both at 6 PM at Garling Hall. The next DCLB meeting is at 6:30 PM on April 16 both on Zoom and in the County Council Room at the Government Center in Media (Ms. Augustine and Ms. Hahn are scheduled to attend).

Motion was made to ratify a January 30 e-mail vote to move our FMFCU 60-month CD to a 6-month and to let our 30-month CD roll over (Hahn, Quinn). Motion carried.

**FUNDRAISING REPORT**

The Trustees' Tanglewood Fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, March 26 from 4 to 7 PM. Ms. Karpyn gave an update on the Italian Night Spring Raffle Basket, which has brought in \$153 to date. Drawing is April 30. The Board decided to table any further fundraising discussion until after the meeting.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Murray reported that on February 3, snow and ice from a January 26 storm slid from the roof of the library onto the entrance plaza and completely blocked the entrance to the building. The Township was called, and men from public works arrived to clear the snow from the plaza, and also off the roof. Dylan from Catania Engineering came by Feb. 4 to survey the situation. The director was informed that Catania would handle getting a new system installed that would prevent that from happening again. The new system was installed during the week of March 16. Joe Ryan, in an email, said the Township would cover the cost (about \$1800).

She also reported that a second check for Piotti Solutions (about \$25,112.47) for new security cameras and wiring, was issued in March. There was a snafu with the original check, issued in October. This new check brings our account with Piotti up to date.

Also, staff are working on creating a teen area in the library to be more welcoming to teens and allow them space to be a bit noisier than is ideal for other patrons expecting a quiet space. At present, staff are rearranging furniture. However, Ms. Murray did share photos of study pods that might be useful.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Friends Spring Book Sale: The Friends are looking for volunteers for the Spring Book Sale – just a few hours of your time are needed for set up on Thursday 5/14 and Friday 5/15. Ms. Maginnis reminded the Board that the library closes at 5 PM on these days. Ms. Murray added that set-up is a big job so any help will be appreciated. In addition, Trustees can stop in ahead of time to help separate books. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the Book Sale, Saturday 5/16 (9 to 4.) High School volunteers will also be helping. Last year Judy Cianciarulo and Michele Karpyn were a great help. Ms. Hahn asked if the Friends would be having a book sale at the Fall Festival this year. Last year they did not, and many people were looking for it (its absence impacted traffic near our bake sale table). Ms. Murray replied that they probably will have one.

Ms. Maginnis collected Friends Membership fees from the Trustees. She reported Friends “Giving Tuesday” brought in \$350 in donations. Ms. Maginnis acknowledged Ms. Karpyn for putting together the Italian night raffle and keeping us updated on its progress. The donation from Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union is still pending. Ms. Maginnis has asked for \$500. If approved, our goal for the funding could be two-fold – money for a Trustee raffle and additional funds to help with other fundraising pursuits. Ms. Karpyn asked about having another raffle basket. The FMFCU donation could afford us this opportunity.

We are awaiting responses from Aquatic and Ridley Park Swim Clubs regarding swim passes. Survey Monkey status update was tabled until our next meeting in the absence of Ms. Sweeney.

School Board Liaison: Ms. McMenamin is no longer our School Board Liaison. Ms. Maginnis sent communication to Ms. McMenamin for an update. Sarah Celona is our newly appointed Library Board Liaison.

## **COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS**

Ms. Karpyn reported on the January 27 Commissioners meeting. Ms. Maginnis reported on the February 25 meeting. In 2026 Ridley Township (incorporated in 1906) will be celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Full minutes from the Commissioners’ meetings can be found on the Township website. Ms. Quinn reported on the February 19 DCLB meeting. Full minutes from the DCLB meetings can be found on their website.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be at 6 PM on Monday, April 27, in person at the library. Fundraising discussion may take place directly afterwards if needed.

**BOARD ADJOURNED:** Motion made to adjourn (Karpyn/ Cianciarulo). Motion carried. Time: 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Lisa Maffei Hahn, Secretary, RTPLRC