

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RIDLEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTER
MARCH 27, 2023 -- Meeting held in person at the Library**

ATTENDANCE: Diane Maginnis, Donna Murray, Suzanne Brown, Lisa Maffei Hahn, Edna Fury, Michele Karpyn, Ann Whitehouse, Mary Tobin

ABSENT: Judy Augustine, Betsy Cummins, Christine McMenamin

6:01 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

The minutes from the February 27, 2023, meeting were reviewed by the Trustees. Motion made to approve (Brown/Maginnis). Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Brown reported that all the finances look to be in order and asked if there were any questions. All agreed that everything looks good. Ms. Karpyn asked about the separation of the electric and gas bills. One comes from the Township (electric) and one comes from PECO (gas). Motion was made to approve payment of bills for March 2023. (Hahn/Fury) Motion carried.

STATISTICS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners is April 26 at 6 PM in Garling Hall (Ms. Brown scheduled to attend). The next DCLB meeting is at 6:30 PM (note the new time) on April 20, 2023, on Zoom and in the County Council Room at the Government Center in Media. (Ms. Brown scheduled to attend). Please remember if attending DCLB meetings in person, let Ms. Murray know and she will provide possible items for presentation.

The Board reviewed the proposed updates to the Patron Code of Conduct policy. Ms. Murray described some of the situations that prompted the changes. Ms. Whitehouse asked if we should include a statement about our cameras in the policy. Ms. Murray will consider which policy would be the best place to include the camera warning. She said there are signs at the entrances informing patrons that they are on camera while in the library. Motion made to approve the new Patron Code of Conduct Policy (Brown/Karpyn). Motion carried.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Chances are being sold for the donation we received from Oliver Heating and Cooling (office supplies and a generous gift card). Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Winner will be drawn May 19.

We are waiting to hear from Stock's on a date for our fall pound cake fundraiser.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Director requested that the library be open from 10 AM to 3 PM for the Township Fall Festival. The event is planned for Sunday, Sept. 17, with a rain date of Sept. 24. (The library is usually closed on Sundays.) (Maginnis / Hahn) Passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Copies of newspaper articles featuring Library events were reviewed by the Trustees. Ms Murray spoke about the Prom Dress Giveaway event last month. The Library collected over 400 dresses, many of which were new and donated by stores. Anything that was left over was donated to a church that was planning a similar event.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT (Diane Maginnis)

Ms. Maginnis informed the Board that Ms. Murray and Ms. Tobin have written a grant with the Delaware County Library Foundation to fund some unique programs for the Library. These programs would be more elaborate, in-person meetings which could lead patrons to a new hobby or interest. Ms. Maginnis described with enthusiasm some of the programs she has attended at other libraries. We are waiting to see if this grant comes through.

The Library received a \$3500 donation from the Friends prior to the meeting.

Numerous handouts were distributed to the Board members. These included updated policies for their handbooks, and the yearly member contracts to be signed.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Hahn reported on the Commissioners’ meeting of March 22, 2023. Kaitlin Sullivan has been appointed as township treasurer in the wake of the retirement of Diane White. The Ridley Township Police responded to 927 calls, including two incidents described in detail. Full minutes from the Commissioners’ meeting can be found on the Township’s website.

There was no DCLB meeting to report on.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, April 24, at 6 PM. We will meet via Zoom.

BOARD ADJOURNED AT 6:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Maffei Hahn, Secretary, RTPLRC