

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RIDLEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY & RESOURCE CENTER
March 25, 2024 -- Meeting held via Zoom**

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

ABSENT: Christine McMenamin

6 PM Ms. Maginnis called the meeting to order.

The Board welcomed our newest Trustee, Debbie Sweeney. Ms. Sweeney stated that she is looking forward to meeting everyone and helping however possible.

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 from February 26, 2024 (Whitehouse/Karpyn). Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of a treasurer, Ms. Murray reported that all the finances look to be in order. All agreed that everything looks good. Motion was made to approve payment of bills for March 2024. (Augustine/Hahn) 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 March 27 at 6 PM in Garling Hall (Ms. Fury volunteered to attend as no one was scheduled). The next DCLB meeting is at 6:30 PM on April 18 both on Zoom and in the County Council Room at the Government Center in Media. (Ms. Karpyn is scheduled to attend).

FUNDRAISING REPORT

The raffle donated by Let There Be Rock School is underway. The generous donation consists of a guitar, lessons, and stand (Value \$420). The flyer was shared with all Board members via e-mail for posting. The Library has posted the raffle on our Facebook page. Please share, share share! Ms. Hahn contacted Ms. McMenamin who will investigate posting the raffle information at the school.

The Fall Festival was discussed. As discussed previously, the Stock's slices sell well. To sell more slices, we will need to donate or purchase more cakes to use for slices. Each cake yields 8 slices. Ms. Sweeney asked about utilizing Venmo for payment. Discussion ensued. Ms. Murray will check with Ms. McMenamin about the feasibility of the Library being part of a school Venmo account.

Ms. Fury asked about having food truck fundraisers. Consensus from the Board was that most food truck events are used to bring customers in for other events and not for profit, but we can investigate. Ms. Cummins mentioned an event held at Notre Dame – perhaps the Board can check with them.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director requested funding for new shelving in the children's section to store educational toys, games and activities that children and their caregivers can use in the library. The request is for two units at \$619 each before shipping charges. (Maginnis/Fury) Motion carried.

In other items, the director reported that she and key staff met with Charles Catania regarding creating space for a teen section in the main library. Mr. Catania will send plans and recommendations when they are ready. Also, April 7 to 13 is National Library Week. There are county-wide activities planned, including a photo contest. Also, a county committee interviewed candidates for the DCL Director position, and will make recommendations. The RTL library assessment was presented to County Council 3/20. Ms. Murray, Ms. Maginnis and library staff have reviewed the report and find it misleading as far as RTPL is concerned. There was additional discussion about the report. Finally, the Friends check presentation was held last month with Denise Lynch, Friends Secretary and Membership Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS

Copies of newspaper articles featuring Library events were reviewed by the Trustees. Ms. Fury asked about advertising programs in the Delaware County Daily Times. Ms. Murray informed the Board that Ms. Tobin does submit items for publication to them, but we cannot control what goes in the newspapers. The Library does advertise events on Facebook, and on the monitor behind the circulation desk. Ms. Cummins will look into getting library items on the Ridley cable channel.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Diane Maginnis)

Ms. Sweeney was congratulated and welcomed to our board.

The DCLB meeting on August 15, 2024, needs a volunteer to attend or zoom.

Four Commissioners' meetings in 2024 still need a volunteer to view or attend. Ms. Fury volunteered for March 27 and Ms. Whitehouse volunteered for July 24, leaving two meetings in need of attendees – October 23 and November 20. Many thanks to both for volunteering. Revised listings of attendees will be emailed to members.

National Library Week is April 7 to 13. The Theme is Ready Set Library.

Ridley Township Library and Resource Center is the only Delaware County Library to offer Notary Services, Passport Services and Blood Drives.

Ms. Cummins will contact a Township Representative about advertising the Let There Be Rock School raffle on the Ridley Cable Channel. Ms. Murray will advertise in the Library Newsletter and in Library Highlights presented at the Commissioners Meeting.

Ms. Maginnis and Ms. Murray viewed Delaware County Council March 20 meeting. There were comments from ReThinking Libraries, LLC - a Consulting Group hired by Delaware County Council to examine all 28 Delco Libraries, the DCLB and Upper Chichester Library. A verbal report was given advising some libraries were above average, average or below average. They looked at many categories to make this determination, but the key takeaway was that funding which had an adverse effect. This meeting is available online for viewing. The actual report will be available soon and is 70 pages long.

Ms. Sweeney will meet with the President and Director to discuss information relating to the vacant Treasurer position.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Maginnis reported on the February 28 Commissioner's meeting. It was announced Debbie Sweeney was appointed to the vacant Trustee Position. There were several resident property complaints. B-

Baseball (Blind Baseball) representatives attended to talk about their amazing organization. This group travels all over the USA for B-Baseball games. They run a base and hit the ball. They will be having a fundraiser on April 12 at Ridley's Water's Edge venue. Ms. Cummins commented that the group was fascinating. Full minutes from the Commissioners meetings can be viewed on the Township website.

There was no DCLB meeting scheduled for March.

Ms. Fury asked for information on how to contact the Friends. Ms. Murray will provide an e-mail address.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Monday, April 22, in person at the Library. Ms. Sweeney will be on vacation and will not be able to attend.

BOARD ADJOURNED AT 6:59 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa Maffei Hahn, Secretary, RTPLRC