

Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2022

The meeting, held in the library, was called to order by President Lynn Robinson at 7 p.m. Attendees: Lynn Robinson, Catherine Jabusch, Carol Overvold, Pat Kohler, Carl Meixsell, Jean Marie Bliss, Marie DeRatto, and Maureen Reichl. Library Director Regina Vesely also attended.

Approval of March Minutes

As a matter of record, please note that the name of one of the Governance (By-Laws) committee members has been corrected from the prior minutes. Her name is Laura Grossi-Tyson; the committee consists of her and Carol Overvold, Carl Meixsell, Lynn Robinson, Catherine Jabusch, and Marie DeRatto.

The February minutes also noted Regina Vesely requesting funding for the movie license. Regina stated that the prior cost was \$307, and that the Friends had also funded snacks for the attendees. After that meeting, Regina discovered that the new movie license fee/costs were \$610. The Board voted unanimously via email to fund at this higher amount. This is the official recording of that vote and approval.

Jean Marie Bliss made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Carol Overvold and approved by all present.

Regina Vesely's Report

The library staff asked Regina to express their thanks for the pizza lunch we provided for National Library Week. The staff also received an Edible Arrangement from the president of the library board.

Regina asked that we let her know when our new website is up and running; she will promote it.

The funds earned from the café books in March were \$824.50. This does not include the proceeds of the March 18/19 sale.

Regina requested that we approve her suggestion for additional museum passes to purchase.

Treasurer's Report

A check request for Summer Reading was received and will be processed. The Treasurer's report was not available due to internet issues, but will be distributed as soon as possible.

A bill for Quick Books should be received shortly. Lynn Robinson made a motion to approve payment. It was seconded by Maureen Reichl and approved by all present.

Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the library. Lynn Robinson, Carl Meixsell, Carol Overvold, and Marie DeRatto will be in charge. Various food items (individually packaged) will be available for sale. Jean Marie Bliss will try to find buckets which we can sell for egg gathering.

New Website

Marie DeRatto reported that the new website is close to completion. We are considering changing to a new hosting service. Tech Soup and Wix are under consideration. There are various times that pricing specials are offered. We should authorize payment now to take advantage of a pricing special price if one is offered. Carol Overvold made a motion to authorize up to \$300 a year for the new website host. It was seconded by Lynn Robinson, and approved by all present.

We should be able to have a “go live” date to share with Regina by late April.

Membership

No report; no new activity.

Brochure

They were printed and are available in the library.

Mothers’ Day Plant Sale – Saturday, May 7, 2022

Sale Hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library. Weather permitting, the flowers and hanging baskets will be displayed outside as the sale location. Plants will be supplied by Kohler Farms, and we will credit them on our FB promotions.

Maureen Reichl will ask Bryan to create a graphic for FB.

Update on Rotary Request to Honor Mary Dare

This is still in progress.

Horsham Connected and RSVP

Catherine Jabusch has been attending Horsham Connected and bringing news and suggestions to the Friends. Here is further information from their website: www.horshamconnected.org

The major purpose of *Horsham Township Community Connections* is to support and strengthen the efforts of every one of these outstanding groups and organizations.

Horsham Township Community Connections will serve as a great way to bring all the great people, organizations and resources together to better serve the people of

Horsham. It is hoped that this group will be able to maintain, and even enhance, an already great community for the people of Horsham.

Catherine has also made us aware of RSVP Montgomery County, a volunteer group that mentors and supports non-profits.

Museum Passes

Regina suggested that we should purchase the museum passes now, as school is winding down and the weather is better. We agreed to buy passes to: The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, The Bucks County Children's Museum, The Mutter Museum, The Museum of the American Revolution, and The National Constitution Center. We already have passes to Elmwood Zoo in circulation.

There are still some Morris Arboretum passes available. They expire at the end of June.

Catherine Jabusch made a motion to authorize the purchase of the museum passes; it was seconded by Jean Marie Bliss and approved by all present.

Build an Organ Program

Carol Overvold is leading on this program. Carol is in touch with Bridget Kelly at Simmons Elementary regarding the OrgelKids USA Build an Organ program. Ms. Kelly presented it to her principal at Simmons and the principal is in favor of cooperating with the program. The suggested date is June 6, 2022. There will be 3 programs, and they will be held at the library. The number of participants per program is a maximum of 20. Carol Overvold will apply for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant to offset the cost of the program. A motion was made by Lynn Robinson to approve up to \$500 for the OrgelKids USA organ programs. It was seconded by Jean Marie Bliss and approved by all present. There is an OrgelKids video on You Tube. The website is www.orgelkidsusa.org. Orgelkids USA is on Facebook.

Motion to Adjourn – Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. in the library. A motion to adjourn was made by Maureen Reichl, seconded by Pat Kohler, and approved by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Reichl, Recording Secretary