

## **Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes November 9, 2022**

This was our Annual Meeting open to all members. The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Robinson at 7 p.m. Board Members Attending: Lynn Robinson, Catherine Jabusch, Carl Meixsell, Carol Wisdom, Pat Kohler, Jean Marie Bliss, and Maureen Reichl. Additional attendees: Marie DeRatto, Laura Grossi-Tyson, Mary Ann Campo, Jill Etter and Michelle Clark. Regina Vesely attended on behalf of the Library.

### **Approval of the October Minutes**

We will vote regarding approval of the October minutes at the December Board Meeting.

This is a correction to the October minutes. Jill Etter is a new member as well as a volunteer.

### **Regina Vesely's Report**

Regina is back from her maternity leave. She shared her thoughts (with contributions from the staff) regarding highlights of the past year.

- \* The staff is very pleased with the return of the Museum Passes. YTD, passes have circulated 154 times.
- \* One children's movie and one general interest movie are shown each month. The Friends support the financial cost of the movie license as well as the cost of the popcorn and drinks.
- \* The café book sales brought in approximately \$9000 in the past year. This does not include revenue from the special book sales sponsored by the Friends.
- \* The Friends' concessions at the Egg Hunt are appreciated as they have contributed to making it more of a community social event.
- \* Summer Reading was a great success. All programs were free to participants. Live animals are always popular as are live theatre, Kona Ice, and art projects. The prizes are of high quality. 100 bike helmets were distributed at no charge.
- \* Plant sales for Mothers' Day and Christmas are well received.
- \* Revenue continues from donated books used to stock the café, sell to sources such as Better World Books, and sell at the Friends' sponsored periodic book sales.

### **Friends' Financial Highlights of the Year – Catherine Jabusch**

- \* Put Amazon Smile into effect – Amazon customers can name the Friends to receive a small percentage of the cost of a purchase.
- \* We received \$830 dollars in matching funds from Johnson & Johnson based on contributions to us by their employees. We also received \$50 from Merck.
- \* We use a Donation Jar at our events, and we occasionally receive a Memorial donation.
- \* We have Pay Pal in place to pay for purchases or to make a donation.
- \* We have been able to cover our expenses from income.

## Friends Activities – Lynn Robinson

- \* In addition to the book sales, we participate in community activities such as Horsham Day.
- \* Staff Luncheon for the Library staff.
- \* Supported local charity One House at a Time and its Beds for Kids program (with books).
- \* Published and distributed a new brochure in February 2022 (volunteer Marie DeRatto made a major contribution to this project).
- \* New website launched in September 2022 with leadership and support from volunteer Marie DeRatto and Lynn Robinson.
- \* We are attracting new volunteers through the website.
- \* By-Laws Update – A Governance Committee was formed to review and update the old by-laws. Volunteer Laura Grossi-Tyson provided major leadership and input. The process began in March 2022 and concluded in October 2022 with approval of the By-Laws by the Board.
- \* Author visit in September 2022. Wendy Long Stanley, author of The Power to Deny: A Woman of the Revolution Novel presented an author talk about her book's leading character, Elizabeth Graeme, who lived on her family's Horsham property during the Revolutionary War years.
- \* Led by Carol Overvold, the Friends were able to provide 3 sessions of a pipe organ building program called OrgelKids. The mission is to familiarize and educate children with the pipe organ instrument. The participants assembled and were able to play a pipe organ.
- \* There are 6 museum passes available for check-out.
- \* Social Media Maintenance – Catherine Jabusch suggests we use Facebook and Twitter to follow several libraries and related organizations in Pennsylvania.
- \* Goal: to communicate more frequently with our active members
- \* Goal: to increase our membership
- \* Goal: to create a Process Manual
- \* Goal: to create a Members Only section of the website
- \* Investigate use of Google Workspace for Non-Profits – no cost

## Election of Friends' Officers for 2023

\* These are 3 years terms.

\* There were no additional nominations from the floor, so a motion was made by Catherine Jabusch and seconded by Pat Kohler to accept the slate of officers nominated at the October meeting. It was approved by all members present.

\* The slate of officers is as follows:

President	Lynn Robinson
Vice-President	Carol Overvold
Treasurer	Catherine Jabusch
Recording Secretary	Maureen Reichl

Corresponding Secretary     Jean Marie Bliss

**Book Sale December 1,2,3 Also, upcoming events**

We have added Thursday, December 1 to the book sale dates. The sale will be our first “large rooms” sale since the pandemic restrictions went into effect. We will also offer jewelry and poinsettias for sale.

Ambler Station Singers, December 10.

December Board Meeting Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Kohler, seconded by Catherine Jabusch, and approved by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Reichl, Recording Secretary