

Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes December 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Robinson at 7 p.m. Board members attending: Lynn Robinson, Catherine Jabusch, Carl Meixsell, Carol Overvold, Angie Mambu, and Maureen Reichl. Also in attendance was member Ellen Flanagan.

Regina Vesely's Report

Regina did not attend.

Minutes

A motion to approve the November 8, 2023 Annual Meeting minutes was made by Catherine Jabusch, seconded by Angie Mambu, and approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report

Catherine Jabusch reported that the book sale receipts were about \$2055 (including the donation jar). Cumulative earnings from the book sales (not including café sales) are not yet up to pre-covid numbers, however they continue to increase. The financial reports were emailed to members, but were not discussed due to receipt too close to the meeting start time. We will vote to accept at the next board meeting.

Catherine noted that the Friends' Board members are insured (Directors and Officers insurance through Hartford), and that the premium bill was received and paid in November.

Membership

OHAAT, One House at a Time

In January, we will give some of the donated young adult and children's books to OHAAT's Beds for Kids program. This is the third year of our collaboration with OHAAT. Carol Overvold will coordinate the handoff date with OHAAT and the Friends. It could be a trip to the OHAAT warehouse in Huntingdon Valley or a trip by OHAAT staff to our library. The books will be purchased at the end of December or early January using Thrivent Action Team funds (a \$250 preloaded Visa card that Carol applied for). It's a win-win: OHAAT gets free books to give to kids, kids get books, the Friends reduce the stock of donated books, and the Friends net \$250 from the sale.

Meet and Greet Recap

Our Friends Meet and Greet Event encountered substantial competition from a Halloween Event at Simmons school and a televised Phillies baseball game. There was a very low turnout, but our new member Ellen Flanagan attended and joined the Friends.

We are thinking about how to promote this better in the future. Next year is the 20th anniversary of the library, so we would want to incorporate this into what we do. We should be aware of school and community activities when choosing a date to avoid conflicts.

November 8, 2023 Annual Meeting Recap

There was a substantial amount of information presented in the time allotted. We should consider having a separate Board meeting in addition to the annual meeting to take care of Board business.

Ambler Station Singers

Scheduled for December 16 at 2 p.m. The Friends set up will be 10-12. The Singers want use of the room 2 hours before show time to prepare and set up their equipment. There are volunteers in place for the refreshments and clean-up.

New Business

1. Suggestion by Lynn that each of the Friends' events or projects have a point person assigned.
2. Carol Overvold shared a letter posted on the Wissahickon Library's Facebook page encouraging people to consider being on their board.
3. We have some former Board members who might be interested in serving in an advisory position to the current board. We could create an Emeritus title and position for these people. Note that it would require a change to the By-laws.
4. Carolyn Kushner is willing to head a social media committee. We need to be active and more involved in promoting our events. We plan to create this in January.
5. Local authors
6. Clearances for members who work with children under 18 years of age. We would like more Friends to get these clearances.
7. Succession and Disaster Planning – the Board needs to create a plan.
8. Upcoming book sales – There are many library programs or uses that create scheduling challenges as they use the meeting rooms that we use for our book sales. An example is the income tax preparation service that is offered to the community. We would like to do a spring book sale, but did not reach consensus on a date.

9. Penn State Extension speaker – has the library already booked one of these programs?

10. Orgel Kids Build an Organ Program – do we want to sponsor this again?

11. We are still considering a way to acknowledge members and contributors.

12. A suggestion was made to add a Second Vice-President to the Friends' Officers. This person would be able to head a meeting if both the President and the Vice-President were not available for the scheduled meeting. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Catherine Jabusch to not expand the board to include a second vice-president. The motion was seconded by Carl Meixsell and approved by all present.

The next Board meeting is January 10, 2024

A motion to adjourn was made by Maureen Reichl, seconded by Lynn Robinson, and approved by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Reichl, Recording Secretary