

Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Robinson at 7 p.m. Board members attending: Lynn Robinson, Catherine Jabusch, Carl Meixsell, Angie Mambu, Jean Marie Bliss, Carol Overvold, Carolyn Kushner, and Maureen Reichl. Also in attendance was member Ellen Flanagan. Library Director Regina Vesely attended and presented her report.

Regina Vesely's Report

- Thanks to the Friends for the excellent program by author Wendy Stanley discussing her book, The Treason of Betsy Ross.
- The proceeds from the café book sales for April are \$1348.50.
- The library newsletter for June will be primarily dedicated to Summer Reading. If space allows, mention of the Orgelkids Pipe Organ program will be included.
- Museum Passes – the Mercer passes and the Eastern State Penitentiary pass have not yet been received.
- Summer Reading prizes include books from Scholastic.
- The movie license is in and all is in order.
- The registration for Orgelkids has been adjusted to show number of children registering rather than children plus accompanying adults.
- There are emails of library events opening for registration the week of Orgelkids. Registrations open exactly 2 weeks (including to the actual time) before an event.
- Library 20th Anniversary Celebration: November 9th Opening Events: Kids' daytime event, Adults' evening event (after library closing), light food, possible live music.
- June 12 at 6:30 p.m. – next planning meeting for the anniversary celebration.
- Can Friends handle fund raising during the anniversary celebration – Raffles etc.?
- Library improvements such as roof, siding, and solar panels all scheduled for the summer.

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes from the April Board Meeting was made by Carol Overvold, seconded by Lynn Robinson, and approved by all board members present.

Treasurer's Report – Catherine Jabusch

- The movie license renewal fee was paid.
- Museum passes keep coming in and are paid on receipt.
- Some additional bills for Summer Reading were paid.
- Proceeds from the April Book Sale: \$1388 which is \$325 more than the proceeds from the March 2023 sale.
- Additional proceeds from the book sale total \$109.50 made from donations and a membership.
- We sell books to and thus receive revenue from Better World Books, World of Books (aka Ziffit), Decluttr, BombBooks, and BooksRun.
- Reports presented: Statement of Activity, April Bank Statement, Statement of Financial Position.
- Future discussion item – do we want to purchase a locked display case for high value sale books?

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Carolyn Kushner, seconded by Angie Mambu, and approved by all board members present.

Membership – Carolyn Kushner

- Bridget Allen, Joan Shaffer, and Yariliz Valentin-Ortiz are new members.
- The Welcome letters are finished. Email is used when possible.
- An email dedicated to membership is being set up.

The Mary Dare Project

No update at this time.

Staff Breakfast – April 15

The Staff Breakfast was well received.

Book Sale Signs

Carolyn Kushner has not yet heard from Kirkland printers, and will contact them again regarding signs for the book sales.

Book Sales

- The April sale take-down and clean-up went fast; people came in earlier to get it done by the deadline. We could use more help for this activity due to the short window of time allowed and the need to clear the space for the next scheduled event.
- The feature box displays should be noted on Facebook and Instagram. Past feature boxes include cookbooks, mysteries, romance, and gardening. Photos of these would be good on the website also.
- Suggested dates for upcoming book sales: September 4-9 and November 20-25 (these dates include Monday take-down days). These dates are not yet confirmed.

Wendy Stanley presentation The Treason of Betsy Ross

Author Wendy Stanley did an informative and entertaining program on Betsy Ross.

There was an excellent turnout. Thanks to Regina Vesely and the Library Book Club for their participation and to all others who attended.

Mothers' Day Plant Sale Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A post will be going out May 9. It will note methods of payment: cash, check, Pay Pal, Venmo, and credit card.

Horsham Day

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2024. Laura Grossi-Tyson and Marie DeRatto will serve as Point Persons for Horsham Day as they did last year. We will have a game and boxes of books.

Orgelkids

A Sign-up Genius will be used to gather volunteers. The program is June 3.

Fund Raising at the Library 20th Anniversary Celebration

Carolyn Kushner will be the point person for this activity.

Horsham Business Association Event

Tuesday, May 21 from 8:30 – 10 a.m. at the Horsham Community Center. The Horsham Business Association will host the Connecting with the Community event. Catherine Jabusch, Lynn Robinson and Angie Mambu will attend as representatives of the Friends of the Horsham Library.

Presidents of Friends Groups in Bucks and Montgomery Counties

This group will meet at the Horsham Library May 18. A motion was made by Maureen Reichl, seconded by Angie Mambu, and approved by all board members to allow Lynn Robinson to fund refreshments, not to exceed \$100, for the meeting.

The next Board meeting is June12, 2024 at 7 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Overvold, seconded by Lynn Robinson, and approved by all board members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Reichl, Recording Secretary