

## **Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes March 8, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Robinson at 7 p.m. Those attending: Lynn Robinson, Catherine Jabusch, Carl Meixsell, Jean Marie Bliss, Carol Overvold, Carol Wisdom, and Maureen Reichl.

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

- Café Book Sales proceeds: \$952.
- Museum passes – The ones recently purchased are being received and processed. The Library will promote them. (Side note: As of 3/10/2023, Elmwood Park Zoo's website indicates that the zoo will re-open March 18).
- The Library Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 1.
- The Library received the grant to fund Storywalk. The Storywalk process is to purchase "Big Books". Pages are laminated and set up individually outdoors to allow readers to walk from page to page to read the story. The plan is for the Horsham Library Storywalk to begin and end at the new outdoor porch/patio area.
- The official ribbon-cutting to open the porch/patio area will coincide with beginning of the Summer Reading Program, June 16. Daniel Tiger will make an appearance at the opening program.
- Horsham Township gave \$10,000 to the Elmwood Park Zoo to sponsor a jaguar sculpture as part of the Zoo's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. There will be jaguar sculptures throughout Montgomery County. The statue will be placed in front of the Horsham Library.
- Additional items are being purchased to join the baking tins etc. as items that can be checked out. A tool kit will probably be added soon.
- A supply of black Friends of the Horsham Library book bags were found in the storage area. We can use these as we see fit. One suggestion was to give a bag to a person who joins the Friends as a new member.
- The book sale is March 16, 17 and 18. We can only use one room until the tax preparers conclude their work at 4 p.m. on March 16. We can then expand into the additional meeting rooms. The books in the café will also be part of the sale.
- The book sale information will appear on the outdoor electronic sign beginning March 9. It will also appear on the indoor electronic sign in the lobby. Handouts will be placed at the circulation desk and the brochures table.
- A new Library logo will be introduced soon.
- A small seeds library will be offered this spring.

- The Friends would like a display of Past Perfect set up for viewing as part of the Book Sale.
- Library personnel who supervise or work with children under 18 years of age need to have legal clearances. The question is whether Friends who work with or supervise children under 18 years of age should also have clearances. To be determined. Some of the Friends are willing to get the clearances. We do have some under 18 years of age teen volunteers.
- There is a Teen Action Board in place in the Horsham Library. Bryan Sotnyk is in charge.

### **Approval of the February Minutes**

A motion to accept the February minutes was made by Maureen Reichl, seconded by Catherine Jabusch, and approved by all present.

### **Treasurer's Report - Catherine Jabusch**

Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries is our parent/umbrella organization. Our annual dues were sent to them. One of their services is to accept our required annual tax form. The tax form has been submitted.

Amazon has announced that it is shutting down the Amazon Smile program. We need to make an adjustment to this section of the Friends' website. One thought is to replace the Smile image with our Pay Pal QR code.

Past Perfect is the on-line database for searching the historical records of things/places/people etc. connected to Horsham. It is financially supported by the Friends, and is available at no charge through the library. A very generous donation was made by an individual to the Friends in recognition and thanks for this support.

A motion was made by Maureen Reichl to approve the Treasurer's Report, It was seconded by Lynn Robinson and approved by all present.

### **Membership – Carl Meixsell**

There were additional contacts made to two former members who did not send in renewal dues.

### **Tri-fold Friends Brochure**

A small number of an older edition of this brochure had Mary Dare's name and contact information. These brochures have been removed from the library.

### **April Board Meeting**

April 12, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the library - second Wednesday of each month.

## **Mary Dare Tribute**

Rotary is involved, and this is now starting to move forward.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Book Sale – March 16, 17, 18; set-up on March 15. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will only have use of the café and Room A as the tax preparers will be using the other 2 rooms until 4 p.m. After 4 p.m., we can expand as desired into the other rooms.
- The Sign-up Genius has been sent out, and the work slots are filling up. The clean-up slots are booked. The Library would like all clean-up completed by 2 p.m. on Monday, March 20. The clean-up crew can enter the library mid-morning before it officially opens at noon that day.
- Egg Hunt – April 1. Carol Overvold is taking the lead on this. Set-up is at 9:30; the hunt begins at 10:30. The Library will create a graphic to publicize the egg hunt.
- Earth Day Program. We can secure a speaker through a Montgomery County Speakers' Bureau connected to Penn State Extension. The topic is Top Ten Things a Home Gardener Can Do To Save the Planet. Date is Wednesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. We are expected to have a minimum of 5 attendees. A donation of \$50 - \$100 is requested. Note, Earth Day is April 22.
- Mothers' Day Plant Sale – Saturday, May 13
- Build a Pipe Organ – an encore of the very popular and successful program from 2022. May 22 is the tentative date. We are waiting for input and agreement from the local music teacher who assisted last year. A motion was made by Lynn Robinson to fund the pipe organ program at an amount not to exceed \$500. Jean Marie Bliss seconded the motion, and it was approved by all present.
- Ideas for fund raising?.
- National Library Week is April 23-29. In the past, we have provided a lunch for the Library staff. We will put a plan in place at the next Board meeting.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Reichl, Recording Secretary