

Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes July 19, 2023

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

Regina Vesely's Report

1. Café book sale proceeds are \$1,620.
2. Renewals for the National Constitution Center and the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University are due.
3. The John James Audubon Center has not yet replied to the library's contact regarding renewal.
4. \$4,182 has been spent to date on Summer Reading. It should come in under budget.
5. The Adult Improv program has over 50 attendees. A Kids Improv program will be held this week.
6. Excellent use has been made of the porch for STEM programs. Some are geared for kids and some for teens.
7. The Art programs for kids and adults have been very successful.
8. The Mocktails and Quizzo program was well received; another session is scheduled for August.
9. The party to conclude Summer Reading is August 11.
10. Per a request from Maureen Reichl, the library will order a book, *The Treason of Betsy Ross* by Wendy Stanley.

Minutes

The June minutes will be amended to note these corrections:

1. Deanna Martin was also a guest at the June meeting. Deanna is a Master Watershed Steward. Guest presenter Alan Offermann is a Master Gardener.
2. The Friends will fund a museum pass to the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve.

Lynn Robinson made a motion to approve the June minutes with these noted corrections. It was seconded by Catherine Jabusch, and approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report

1. We paid Kohler Farms for the plants they supplied for our Mother's Day plant sale.
2. We received a thank you note from Penn State for the donation we made in appreciation for the speaker they provided for a library program.
3. We received donations from individuals whose companies use Benevity.org for managing donations. Since we don't currently work with Benevity, PCBL (Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries, our parent organization) provided a pass-through check to us.
4. Our June cash flow is positive.
5. Our financials are now online using QuickBooks.

Membership

New members: the Wheeler family. (David and Karen Wheeler).

The Pollinator Garden Proposal

At the June Board meeting, Alan Offermann, a Master Gardener, presented a proposal to create a pollinator garden using all or part of the traffic circle bed at the approach to the library parking area. For various reasons and after careful consideration, we have decided not to move forward with this project. A motion was made by Jean Marie Bliss for the Friends to decline participation in this program. It was seconded by Carl Meixsell and approved by all present.

The Fines-Free Proposal

At the June Board meeting, Regina Vesely presented a request for the Friends to contribute \$10,000 from the proceeds of the café book sales to underwrite the library's proposed plan to go fines-free. After thoughtful discussion, a motion was made to decline the request to help fund the shortfall in the Library funds that would result from the loss of revenue from fines. A motion was made by Lynn Robinson to decline the request. It was seconded by Maureen Reichl and passed by a majority of those in attendance.

Proposed August Book Sale

If we want to have a book sale in August, the available dates are August 23 (set-up), August 24, 25, 26 (sales), and August 28 (clean-up). Lynn will contact volunteer Cindy Ziesing who has been very helpful with past book sales to see if she can take a

leadership role with this one. We will need all Board members to be as available as possible.

Ambler Station Singers

We have no firm date yet. Jean Marie Bliss will take the lead on this program.

Process Document

Work is continuing on this important project.

National Night Out

We will not participate.

Presidents of Friends Groups Meeting

Tentative date set for September 23.

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The August Board Meeting is August 2 at 7 p.m. in the library. The regular schedule of 2nd Wednesday of the month resumes for meetings on September 13, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Reichl

Recording Secretary