

Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes January 11, 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 and Maureen Reichl.

Regina Vesely's Report

- Book Sales proceeds for period 11/15 – 12/31/2022 totaled \$1072.50
- February Library Newsletter in process – do we have any suggestions for content? We would like to start promoting the March book sale.
- Museum passes – local libraries are returning to sponsorship of a full collection of museum passes. Regina will get membership application forms, pricing, and past circulation numbers (2019, the latest) to present at our next board meeting. Elmwood Park is closed for January and February.
- We can have the use of the large meeting rooms for a book sale March 16, 17, and 18. On the 16th, 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 annual renewal fee of \$475 for the Past Perfect data base is due for renewal. Past Perfect is the Horsham Preservation and Historical Society data base. Use of the data base is open to all and does not require a Horsham Township Library card. For calendar year 2022, there were 453 searches of the data base. A motion to approve funding of the data base renewal fee was made by Carol Overvold, seconded by Maureen Reichl, and approved by all present.
- We suggested the Past Perfect information could go in a future library newsletter.
- The Library Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 1.
- A detailed estimated budget for the Summer Reading Program is prepared. The total request is for \$6180.07. The budget for 2022 was \$6167. The theme is All Together Now. The program is for children, teens, and adults. The Library staff would like to kick-off Summer Reading with a ribbon-cutting type event to focus on the new back patio which will provide additional space for library events.
- Regina applied for a grant to fund Storywalk. It is pending. Storywalk showcases a different book each week and is an outdoor display.
- A motion was made by Jean Marie Bliss to approve the proposed budget for Summer Reading. It was seconded by Catherine Jabusch, and approved by all present.

Approval of the December Minutes

A motion to accept the December minutes was made by Carol Overvold, seconded by Catherine Jabusch, and approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report - Catherine Jabusch

Deposits of book sale proceeds, café book sale proceeds, donations, and membership dues were made. We have not yet received the bill for the poinsettia stock which we sold at the December book sale, so final numbers on the actual book sale proceeds are yet to be finalized.

A motion was made by Lynn Robinson to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jean Marie Bliss, and approved by all present.

Membership – Carl Meixsell

All notices for payment of annual dues went out with a message encouraging payment by the end of the year. Two members have not yet renewed. A follow-up will be done.

Ambler Station Singers Program Feedback

There were over 50 attendees including 4 families with children. The program was excellent, and the singers were interactive with the audience. Many thanks to board members and others who helped present, provide, serve, and clean-up! We agree that we would like to host the Singers again, and might want to secure a date for December 2023.

Book Donation Guidelines

Carol Overvold prepared and presented an information sheet regarding guidelines for book and media donations. A few suggestions such as adding magazines to the list of items we do not accept were made. Carol will put the information sheet into a final draft and provide it for use by the library.

Volunteers

Carol Overvold contacts individuals who respond to our appeals for volunteers. There has been a mixed response to the contacts. We are still looking for people who would be willing to join the Board as well as work on our book sales and other programs. Maureen Reichl will contact a former Board member and ask if she would be willing to rejoin.

February Board Meeting

February 8, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the library - second Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Events

Book Sale – March 16, 17, 18

Egg Hunt – April 1

Mothers' Day Plant Sale – Saturday, May 13
Ideas for fundraising?

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