

## **Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes August 24, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Robinson at 7 p.m. Attendees: Lynn Robinson, Catherine Jabusch, Pat Kohler, Carl Meixsell, Carol Wisdom, Jean Marie Bliss, and Maureen Reichl. Bryan Sotnyk sent a report on behalf of the library. Regina Vesely is on maternity leave.

### **Approval of July Minutes**

Maureen Reichl made a motion to approve the July minutes; it was seconded by Carol Wisdom and approved by all present.

### **Bryan Sotnyk's Report**

Summer Reading has now concluded, and prizes have been awarded. Five hundred and seven participants reported 467,000+ minutes of reading accomplished virtually via Beanstack. Over 2000 people participated in the in-person programs. The Adult Water Color program was very successful as were the movie nights. Eighty attendees enjoyed some or all of four shows. Movie nights for families and seniors will continue in the fall.

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

All bills from Summer Reading have been paid. We were able to cover all costs from available funds. All museum passes have been funded. The two passes for the Elmwood Park Zoo have been renewed.

### **Membership – Carl Meixsell**

#### **Website Update**

The new website is up and running! We are getting volunteers through the website since it debuted.

### **Governance Committee – By-Laws revision**

We need to reconvene to review where we are and continue working toward updates.

### **Book Sales and Book Storage – Jean Marie Bliss**

We went to the book storage area to see the improvement in the donated book collections. Jean Marie Bliss, assisted by student volunteer Kai and adult volunteer Terry Shields, made considerable progress sorting and organizing. Bryan Sotnyk and 2 teen helpers also provided some

assistance. Storage of materials and attracting enough volunteer help continue to be challenges. We may have to limit accepting certain types of books as donations. Business books, arts and crafts, cooking, and history books are of limited interest to shoppers at the book sales. Jean Marie will be traveling for most of September and October so will not be available for working with the books. Student Kai is back at college. Terry Shields will continue providing some volunteer hours.

### **Book Sale October 7, 8**

We are waiting for final confirmation from the library regarding a café book sale for these October dates.(note 9/8/22; dates confirmed).

### **Update on Rotary Request to Honor Mary Dare**

Catherine Jabusch met with Bill Walker, the Horsham Township Manager, and Mike Mueller, the Rotary representative. There are several ideas for recognizing Mary Dare's contributions to the library. What we and Rotary want to do will have to be coordinated with the Horsham Library Board. There are plans for upgrades to the library. The café is in phase 4. Whatever we do will have to be in harmony with the overall plan for the library.

### **Author visit – Maureen Reichl**

We are on track to host author Wendy Stanley on Tuesday, September 27 at the library. This is in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting of the library book club. This is a free event; registration will be through the library system. Registration is appreciated but not required. We will offer small water bottles and cookies as refreshments.

### **Upcoming**

We should have a meeting for all Friends members at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Our By-Laws require us to hold an annual meeting.

The Ambler Station Singers will present a holiday program December 10. We are considering a book and jewelry sale with some poinsettias on offer on December 2 and 3.

**Motion to Adjourn** – The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Catherine Jabusch, seconded by Pat Kohler, and approved by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Reichl, Recording Secretary