



**Hershey Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
August 17, 2010**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Rosemary Marino, President; Barbara Ellis, Director; John Abel, Diana Briselli, Kelly Fedeli, Anne Reeves, Michelle Taylor

Friends Representative: Jeanette Murray

Absent: Mike Pries

CALL TO ORDER

Rosemary Marino, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

MINUTES

Motion: A motion to approve the Minutes of the July 20th meeting was made by Kelly Fedeli and seconded by Diana Briselli. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report ending July 31, 2010 was distributed and reviewed. Barbara answered questions raised . She also informed the board that she had submitted the 2011 budget to Cheryl noting that the budget was not increased by much from last year.

COMMUNICATION

- Barbara had received many notes in reference to the Children's Summer Reading Program. It was a great success. A Splash Party was the reward this year for those completing the program.
- The PaLA Conference information was shared. Barbara invited the board to join the PA Library Association and to come to the annual conference on October 24th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara reviewed her Director's Report.

- Barbara presented information presented to her by a patron. Barbara requested the board's reaction to the purchase of a Step & Wash for the restrooms. This is a permanent stepping device that would allow children to reach the sinks. The board discussed the possibilities of purchasing the Step & Wash and came to a unanimous conclusion that it was a too extravagant purchase, and actually not necessary.
- She also noted that two staff have left. Jen Wolfe has been hired to replace Katy Marhaj in the IT Department . Applicants are being interviewed for the reference position vacated by Leslie Abouwer in the Reference Dept.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friends

Jeanette Murray reported on the Annual Book Sale. A final amount raised was not available.

Endowment Trust

Charles Leedecker was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Redesign Project

The Larson Design Group has come to the committee with three plans. The plans have been made available to all staff to review and comment. Notes have been submitted to Joyce Seno, the designer, and she will make adjustments on the plans.

John Abel suggested that Joyce come to a Library Board Meeting. Rosemary expressed her appreciation of being kept informed of the progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for 5-year Plan funds

Barbara Ellis requested that funds allocated for the 5-Year Plan be used to purchase an Evanced subscription. This would allow electronic registrations and programming tracking for children and adult events/classes. The Board agreed to spending \$750 out of the 5-Year Plan funds; this being a discount of \$200 if we agree to more than a one year subscription. Barbara intends to subscribe for three years, using grant money for the additional two years.

The Children's Summer Reading Program used this method this year and it had great advantages.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michele Taylor, seconded by Kelly Fedeli. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Library Board of Directors will be Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m. at the Hershey Public Library.

Submitted by

Joy Burrell, Recorder