



**Hershey Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2009**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Rosemary Marino, President; Barbara Ellis, Library Director; Kelly Fedeli, Diana Briselli, John Abel, Michele Taylor, George Porter. Friends representative, Janette Murray
Absent: Anne Reeves

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Marino at 7:10 pm.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Diana Briselli has lived in Hershey for three years. She is the mother of three daughters. Diana and her family are frequent users of the library facilities and programs

John Abel is a two year resident of Hershey. John was on a small library board in the Philadelphia area. He is the father of 2 children. He is an attorney in the Commonwealth.

ELECTION OF LIBRARY BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2009

Barbara Ellis presided over the reorganization of the Library Board. She explained the duties of the officers. It was decided to nominate a Slate of Officers.

The floor was opened to nominations.

President – Rosemary Marino was nominated by George Porter

Vice President – George Porter was nominated by Michele Taylor

Secretary – Kelly Fedeli was nominated by George Porter

Nominations were closed.

Motion: A motion to approve the 2009 Slate of Officers was made by Michele Taylor, seconded by Kelly Fedeli. Motion carried. The 2009 Slate of Officers was approved.

MINUTES

Motion: A motion to approve the December 9th, 2008 Minutes was made by Michele Taylor, seconded by Kelly Fedeli. Correction to the spelling of Michele Taylor's name was noted. Motion carried. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT

An end -of- - year report was not available as of this date. Barbara Ellis did note that the library will have spent 100% of the budget for 2008.

Kelly Fedeli again complimented Barbara on her budget planning and spending

COMMUNICATIONS

Memo from Commonwealth

Barbara commented on the memo from the Commonwealth regarding testing of children's books for lead.

In reference to the Economic Stimulus memo: We are fortunate as a library to be well-supported by the Township, of which we are an entity, and also by the community. We should be an advocate for all libraries; many are not as fortunate as the Hershey Library.

A note from Meghan Mazick was shared thanking the board for the privilege of serving for a term that ended December 31, 2008.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara Ellis commented on her report that was distributed to the Board:

Barbara provided an organizational chart showing how the library and board are related to local and state government and agencies.

Kelly Fedeli, secretary of the board, will send a letter to Ed Swartz and Meghan Mazick thanking them for serving on the board and request that they select a book to be put in the collection in their honor.

Barbara further explained the library's involvement with the Community Task Force on Civility.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friends

Janette Murray - The next Friends' meeting is in January.

NEW BUSINESS

2009 Calendar Closing Dates

Barbara presented the 2009 Library Closing Dates.

Motion: A motion was made by George Porter to accept the proposed 2009 Library Closing Dates as presented, seconded by Michele Taylor. Motion carried. The 2009 Library Closing Dates were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of the Five-Year Plan accomplishments and goals

The following was noted:

- Friends have purchased new furniture and equipment for the library
- New shelving in the Children's area
- New software

Next step is to hire someone to redesign some area layouts of the library; someone with experience in library designing. A committee to work with the designer is planned.

Rosemary encouraged the board members to provide input and insight

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George Porter, seconded by Kelly Fedeli. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Library Board of Directors will be Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 7 p.m. at the Hershey Public Library.

Submitted by

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