



**Hershey Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
January 19, 2010**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Rosemary Marino, President; Barbara Ellis, Library Director; John Abel, Diana Briselli, Mike Pries, Anne Reeves, Michele Taylor

Endowment Trust Representative: Charles Leedecker Friends Representative: Jeanette Murray

Absent: Kelly Fedeli

CALL TO ORDER

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

INTRODUCTION/WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Rosemary introduced and welcomed Mike Pries, Township Supervisor, now serving on the Library Board.

Peter Coyl, a Drexel student, was introduced. He is an intern completing his Master in Library Sciences. Peter will be working in all departments in the library for several months.

NOMINATIONS AND SELECTION OF 2010 LIBRARY BOARD OFFICERS

Barbara Ellis facilitated the selection/election. A slate of officers was nominated to serve on the Library Board.

President – Rosemary Marino (Nominated by Michele Taylor, 2nd John Abel)

Vice President – John Abel (Nominated by Anne Reeves, 2nd Mike Pries)

Secretary – Diana Briselli (Nominated by Mike Pries, 2nd Michele Taylor)

The Library Board voted unanimously to accept the slate of officers nominated.

Rosemary stated that it was an honor and privilege to serve as President of the Library Board and thanked the board for their encouragement and support.

MINUTES

Motion: A motion to approve the December 8, 2009 Minutes was made by Diana Briselli, seconded by John Abel.

Rosemary and Michele abstained from voting due to their absence at that meeting. Motion carried. The Minutes were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara Ellis reviewed the Financial Report dated 11/30/09 noting that 95% of the budget had been spent. This is where the budget should be at this time.

COMMUNICATION

- A note was received from a new resident complimenting the services of a Library Assistant, certified as Barbara Ries.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara noted the following from her report:

- Beth Gwin, Part-time Library Professional, completed her Masters in Library Science.
- Statistics continue to grow – especially Young Adult
- World Language & Literacy Week has been well attended so far, especially the children's programs. The community was responsive and participated in the activities.
- Good partnership with students and PTO at schools

Rosemary commented on the Language & Literacy program, and especially thanked Rita for her contributions in the children's programs.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friends

Jeanette Murray reported Friends will be meeting on January 27th. Richard Russo, well-known author, will be guest at the Library on Sunday, April 11.

The annual Volunteer luncheon will be in April during Volunteer Recognition Week.

Endowment Trust

Charles Leedecker reported an Endowment Trust Fund balance as of 1/19 of \$1,392,025, an increase of \$ 27,087 since Dec. 2009. The Endowment Trust will be reorganizing at the January 25th meeting.

Marc Moyer, Township Supervisor, is the new member on the Endowment Trust Board.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 Library Calendar – Closing Dates

Motion: Motion to approve **2010 Library Calendar – Closing Dates** as distributed was made by Anne Reeves, seconded by Mike Pries. Motion carried.

Recommendations for Financial Strategies to offset State Funding losses

Barbara Ellis presented some suggested strategies to create revenue to offset losses by State Funding. There was much discussion. Some thoughts were charging for various services, modifying library hours, etc. Increasing operation efficiencies was also discussed. Further consideration of these strategies will be on the agenda at the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Lescanec Library Legacy Fund – proposed uses and/or distribution

Rosemary facilitated the discussion on a spending plan for the LLLF, 2nd Phase (the 1st being the expense for the computers) and to structure what remains of the fund. Discussion followed commenting on the following:

- Signage
- Plaque
- Don't lose sight of significance of the legacy
- Barbara Ellis will get estimate for a designer

Motion: A motion was made by Michelle Taylor, seconded by Anne Reeves to begin the Second Phase using the Lescanec fund as proposed by Barbara Ellis and recommend to the Board of Supervisors the expenditure of up to \$100,000 of the Lescanec Library Legacy Fund in 2010.

Barbara Ellis will prepare the request for approval by the Township Board of Supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Abel, seconded by Michelle Taylor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Library Board of Directors will be Tuesday, February 16, 7 p.m. at the Hershey Public Library.

Submitted by

Joy Burrell, Recorder