



**Hershey Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
February 15, 2011**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Rosemary Marino, President; Barbara Ellis, Director; John Abel, Diana Briselli, Kelly Fedeli, Michele Taylor, Anne Reeves
Ralph Keil, Representative from Endowment Trust; Nina Castillo, Representative from Friends

Absent: Todd Pagliarulo

CALL TO ORDER

Rosemary called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

INTRODUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friends of the Library - Nina Castillo was introduced to the Board as the new representative from the Friends.

Endowment Trust - Ralph Keil was introduced to the Board as the new representative for the Endowment Trust.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011

Rosemary Marino, President, turned the meeting over to Barbara Ellis to facilitate the selection/election of Library Board Officers for 2011.

The Board agreed to nominate a slate of officers:

President – Rosemary Marino (nominated by Anne Reeves, seconded by John Abel)

Vice President – Anne Reeves (nominated by Kelly, seconded by John Abel)

Secretary – Diana Briselli (nominated by Michelle, seconded by John Abel)

Motion: A motion was made by John Abel to close the nominations and accept the slate of officers. The Board voted unanimously to accept the slate of officers.

MINUTES

Motion: A motion to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2010 and January 18, 2011 meetings was made by Kelly Fedeli and seconded by John Abel. It was noted that the January meeting was cancelled because of a lack of a quorum. Michele abstained because of her absence at the December meeting. The Minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report ending January 30th, 2011 was distributed and reviewed. Credit card payments for fines netted \$900.

Barbara noted that she now serves on the PALA Legislative Committee. PaLA is lobbying for library funding with the message that the libraries are a relevant agency serving a diverse population. Kelly commented that it is good to keep our message of the importance and value of the library to the communities.

COMMUNICATION

The Derry Township Civility Task Force, unveiled the Community Civility Mural on February 13th. Since the library has chosen anti-bullying/Civility as a theme to focus on throughout 2011, there was an enthusiastic discussion on Civility awareness..

Anti-bullying will be included in library programs such as the Children's Storytimes, poster & essay contests, hometown heroes, living library.

The Department of Education is involved in anti-bullying programs, as well.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara informed the Board that the full-time staff will be meeting this week to continue discussing a strategic plan; specifically dealing with financial and environmental issues. Barbara urged the Board to consider input.

Input offered at this meeting:

Offer classes/instruction on Genealogy

Make community aware of what the library has to offer

Collaborate with other groups in community – Civil War group, Hershey Museum, etc

Establish a Job Center area like the one at the East Shore Library

The Board was asked to continue to offer suggestions at next meeting.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friends

Nina Castillo had no report. The Friends have not met this year.

Endowment Trust

Ralph Keil reported that the Endowment Trust has recovered since last year's downfall/recession. He expressed appreciation to the Hershey Trust.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Redesign Project

- Barbara Ellis presented preliminary pricing on project. JP Associates will provide custom built units; Brodart – cannot provide custom built units. The board agreed that for quality and within budget, the custom built units should be the choice. Bidding may not be required since prices are being offered through State contracted providers.
- Barbara passed around the plan for redesign.
- Carpet choices were shared.
- Barbara is making sure that all units in the Book Sale area are movable to accommodate the Book Sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2011 Calendar

The 2011 Calendar – Closing Dates - was presented to the Board for consideration. The Calendar was corrected to read Sun. & Mon., January 1-2, **2012**.

Motion: A motion was made by Michele Taylor to approve the **2011 Calendar – Closing Dates**, with correction, seconded by John Abel. Motion passed.

OTHER

Rosemary requested that in the case of an event that would require several board members to be absent from a meeting, the Board members give advance notice.

John commented on the Hip Hop Program. It is good to have that kind of diversity in the library. It was well attended.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Reeves, seconded by Diana Briselli. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Library Board of Directors will be **Tuesday , March 15, 2011**, 7 p.m. at the Hershey Public Library.

Submitted by

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