



**Hershey Public Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Rosemary Marino, President; Barbara Ellis, Library Director; John Abel, Kelly Fedeli, Diana Briselli, George Porter, Anne Reeves, Michele Taylor Endowment Trust Representative, Charles Leedecker.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Rosemary Marino at 7:05 pm.

**INTRODUCTION OF SPRING DISTINGUISHED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER**

Bong-hee Yun was introduced by Rita Smith, children's Librarian, as the Spring 2009 Distinguished Library Volunteer. Bong-hee volunteers in the Children's Department. She expressed that she enjoys volunteering at the library. Rita commended her on the good job she does in shelving the children's books. Bong-hee lives with her husband and 2 children in Hershey. She will be able to use the parking space assigned to the chosen Volunteer. Also a book of her selection will be placed in the library collection. The local media will be notified of her honor. Bong-hee will also be featured in the Friends newsletter.

**MINUTES**

**Motion:** A motion to approve the March 17, 2009 Minutes was made by George Porter, seconded by Anne Reeves. It was noted as a correction to the minutes that the organization that the TAB gave their donation was To Write Love on Her Arms. John Abel abstained from voting because he was not present at the last meeting. Motion carried. The Minutes were approved as edited.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Barbara Ellis reviewed the financial report dated for period ending March 31, 2009. It appears that the expenditures and revenues are within the range they should be at this time of the year.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Barbara Ellis shared the following communications:

- A note from a third grade child expressing that "she loves the library".
- A thank you from the Polaris Users Group (PUG). They met in the Library in March and appreciated the courtesies extended to them.
- Commonwealth Libraries letter awarding the LSTA grant of \$18,780.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Barbara Ellis shared a report from Jackie Sisco on the program **Reading is Your Ticket to Springtime in the Park**. The report was very thorough noting how many children of different ages participated and the promotional effort made in the community. This reading program rewarded children with a ticket to Hershey Park. This was a very successful program for children 3 to 8 years old.

Rosemary commended Jackie on her report of the reading program and the success of the program.

Barbara also highlighted other items from her report:

- Promoting programs outside the library– putting flyers in local physicians/dentists offices.
- Invited the board members to attend a workshop Good Stuff Cheap on May 13
- Noted that Circulation is up.
- Urged members to contact US representatives to support the recently introduced legislation to amend the CPSIA to exempt ordinary books from the lead limits within the bill.
- Urged members to attend the Volunteer Luncheon on Friday, April 24.
- A book has been put into the collection in honor of Ed Swartz, a past board member, Cold Harbor-May26- June 3.

## **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Friends**

Barbara Ellis reported in Jeanette's absence.

- Friends are sponsoring a writing contest. Details for the contest are on the library website.
- Friends will be meeting on April 22.
- The program featuring the author, Joyce Carole Oates, was well attended.

Rosemary commented on the good public relations prior to the Joyce Carole Oates program. Melissa Bittinger is to be commended for her role in this successful program and all the other programs that she so successfully promotes.

### **Endowment Trust**

Charles Leedecker updated the Library Board on the Endowment Trust funds. Discussion and questions followed.

The Endowment Trust meets on Monday, April 27th

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Access PA Program**

It was noted that there was no library policy addressing the Access PA Program. There was discussion and questions were addressed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by John Abel, seconded by Kelly Fedeli to accept the Access PA Policy stating that any Pennsylvania resident living in a municipality that does NOT participate in the ACCESS PA program must pay a fee to use other public libraries. Residents from non-participating areas must pay a fee in order to use the Hershey Public Library.

A copy of the Policy is attached to the Minutes.

### **ILL Policy**

The ILL specialist requested a change in the policy limiting AV materials through the Inter-Library Loan program.

It was suggested that the ILL specialist have the authority to set a limit to the lending use policy as situations occurred. Discussion followed. It was decided to contact the ILL staff to specifically state what they wanted the library board to approve as policy..

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Library Board of Directors will be Monday, May 18, 2009, 7 p.m. at the Hershey Public Library.

Submitted by

Joy Burrell, Recorder