



**Hershey Public Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 18, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Rosemary Marino, President; Rita Smith, Children's Librarian; John Abel, Kelly Fedeli, Todd Pagliarulo, Anne Reeves  
Representative from Friends, Nina Castillo

Absent: Barbara Ellis, Michelle Taylor, Diana Briselli; Representative from Endowment Trust, Ralph Keil

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rosemary called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

It was noted that Rita Smith, Children's Librarian, is present in the absence of Barbara Ellis

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hershey Public Library were e- mailed to the Board for review.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Todd Pagliarulo, seconded by Kelly Fedeli, to approve the Minutes of the March meeting. The motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report dated April 30, 2010 was distributed and reviewed. Rita commented briefly on the state of the budget noting that the budget was right on target for this time of the year. It was noted that the Equipment Maintenance was high because the UPS had been repaired.

**COMMUNICATION**

A notice was shared announcing the Volunteer Fair to be held at Country Meadows. This will give residents a chance to sign up to volunteer at the Library.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

In Barbara's absence, Rita highlighted the Director's Report:

- Lions Club is making supplies available for poster contest
- The redesign project is moving along. The completion date is anticipated to be in September.
- According to the Republican budget, State monies will remain the same as last year
- Noted changes in library usage

Rita took this opportunity to update the board on the Intergenerational Program that is being sponsored by the Children's Dept. This is a program that allows older residents at Country Meadows to interact with young people. They meet at Country Meadows.

## **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### Friends

Nina Castillo reported for the Friends. She reported that there were 185 in attendance at the guest author, Elizabeth Strout, program. The program featuring the Holocaust speaker has been cancelled. The Friends continue their membership drive and the collection/selection of books for the annual book sale.

Bryn Mawr Trust is taking over the private investments from Hershey Trust. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Friends.

There will be an open meeting for all members of Friends on May 25<sup>th</sup>

### Endowment Trust

Ralph Keil was not present, but Rosemary informed the board that Hershey Trust is no longer managing private funds. Bryn Mawr Trust will absorb the private investments. Friends will be discussing this at their next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Strategic Planning**

In response to the request from Barbara Ellis for the board's input on strategies to reaching the community, the best way to position ourselves in the community, and determining how important the library is to the community, etc. Discussion followed with suggestions and comments. Rosemary suggested that the board send their suggestions and comments via e-mail directly to Barbara Ellis, prior to the June meeting. Barbara Ellis can then compile the comments. Anne suggested that those submitting suggestions "copy" the other board members. It was agreed to do so.

Further discussion on the input will be at the June meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Todd Pagliarulo, seconded by Anne Reeves. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Library Board of Directors will be **Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 7 p.m.** at the Hershey Public Library.

Submitted by

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