



**Hershey Public Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 17, 2009**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Rosemary Marino, President; Barbara Ellis, Library Director; John Abel, Kelly Fedeli, George Porter, Anne Reeves

Endowment Trust Representative: Charles Leedecker

Absent: Diana Briselli, Michele Taylor

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

**FALL DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER**

Julie Brnik introduced the Fall Distinguished Volunteer, Evelyn Werner. She has been a volunteer for several years and is to be commended for her many hours of shelving in the children's and adult department. She is a retired music teacher. Evelyn was awarded a certificate of recognition and a book of her choice will be placed in the library collection. The reserved volunteer parking space will be hers to use for the winter months.

**MINUTES**

**Motion:** A motion to approve the October 20, 2009 Minutes was made by George Porter, seconded by Kelly Fedeli. Motion carried. The Minutes were approved as distributed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Barbara Ellis reported the budget was 88% spent. She noted that some line items were overspent, but there were line items that still had balances. Barbara reported that she presented the 2010 budget to the township supervisors. She was commended on her frugality in her prepared budget.

**COMMUNICATION**

Barbara shared a note from a patron commending Jackie Sisco, a staff person in the children's department, on her work and personal assistance.

A letter from Florida was shared expressing deep appreciation upon being able to receive a book via ILL.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Barbara reviewed her report especially noting:

- The Library has received an AED from the Nicholas Ryan Over Foundation. Training is being arranged for staff.
- Planning for the International Focus Week, scheduled for January 16-23, is in progress.
- Barbara explained the budget cuts and the impact on the library's services.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Friends**

Jeanette Murray was not present.

**Endowment Trust**

Charles Leedecker reported an Endowment Trust Fund balance of \$1,374,747, an increase of \$28,271 from last month. The Endowment Trust is recovering.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Lescanec Library Legacy Fund – proposed uses and/or distribution**

Rosemary facilitated discussion of Lescanec Library Legacy Fund: Rosemary reminded the board to have regard for the Library Mission Statement.

Options:

- (1) Spend
- (2) Invest
- (3) Distribute/disbursement
- (4) Combination of spending/investing

Desired Outcome: By January 2010 the Library Board is to have recommendations, based on board input, ready to submit to the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors.

Discussion followed

What the Library Board would like to offer:

- (1) Invest considerations
  - a. Endowment Trust
  - b. Accessibility to funds
- (2) Be considerate of the intent of the donor
  - a. Keep in forefront – reflecting her generosity
- (3) Strategic planning
- (4) Physical space

Kelly recommended that the board consult with township Bond Counselor. She offered to follow through on this idea.

Discussion followed.

The five- year plan ends this year. A new strategic plan will be developed in the coming year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Rosemary wished the Library Board a happy Thanksgiving.

**Motion:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Abel, seconded by Anne Reeves. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Library Board of Directors will be Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 7 p.m. at the Hershey Public Library.

Submitted by

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