



**Hershey Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
December 8, 2009**

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Rosemary Marino, president, the meeting was called to order by George Porter, vice-president, at 7:05pm.

OUTGOING LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

George Porter will be leaving the library board, 12/31/09. Barbara Ellis expressed appreciation for his insight and wisdom while serving on the board. Barbara presented a book to George entitled The Book of Ebenezer LePage, one of George's favorites. The Book of Ebenezer LePage will also be placed in the library collection in his honor. George was a valuable member of the board and will be missed.

MINUTES

Motion: A motion to approve the November 17, 2009 Minutes was made by Kelly Fedeli, seconded by John Abel. Motion carried. The Minutes were approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara Ellis reviewed the library budget noting the \$42,000 loss from the State Budget allocations. Kelly noted that Jim Negley commended Barbara Ellis on a good job allocating resources. There was discussion as to how the deficit will be handled.

COMMUNICATION

- A note complimenting the library on the Candy Lane Reading Program was received from a patron.
- There were good comments in reference to the Large Print survey.
- A thank you note was received from Joe Fennewald for the \$500 gift from the Hershey Public Library for the Carolyn Field Luncheon at the PaLA Conference.
- Barbara shared a letter she had written to Stauffers of Kissel Hill thanking them for donating a Christmas Tree. The tree will be placed in the library lobby and will be decorated by the Hershey Horticultural Society.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Barbara noted the following from her report:

- International Focus Week – January 16-23 – To promote the library's collection of World Language resources made possible by a Verizon grant. There has been a good response from the staff and the community. There will be display tables; a film festival on the weekend; and many other activities throughout the week.
- The Library has received an AED from the Nicholas Ryan Over Foundation. Training is being arranged for staff.
- 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 \$1,364,938.

OLD BUSINESS

Lescanec Library Legacy Fund – proposed uses and/or distribution

It was decided to postpone the discussion of uses and/or distribution of the Lescanec Library Legacy Fund until the next meeting when the new board members can participate in the discussions. To date, the library has received approval from the township to purchase new patron computers. These computers have been purchased and will be ready for public use in January.

Barbara Ellis reviewed the Feedback of the Community Survey taken in 2006 and also staff suggestions in reference to improvements in the Hershey Public Library. Again, BE asked the board to think of priorities for next meeting.

Kelly Fedeli met with Lou Verdelli, bond counselor for the township, for advice on how to invest the legacy. He said that the first thing the board needs to do is prepare a Time Line -- how money is invested. He indicated that he can work with us to put plan together that allows access to money at all times. Kelly further suggested that a working group from the board get together to prepare a plan to present to the Library Board and to take to the Board of Supervisors in February

Charles Leedecker had some suggestions on investments and will follow up on his suggestions.

Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Abel, seconded by Diana Briselli. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Library Board of Directors will be Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 7 p.m. at the Hershey Public Library.

Submitted by

Joy Burrell, Recorder