

Tulpehocken Public Library  
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**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting for August 8th, 2024**

**In Attendance: Mike Najarian, Jennifer Schmehl, Linda Wilcox, Willie Weiler, Betsy Kreider, Kaitlin Lehman**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. with a quorum represented.

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes of the July meeting were approved (Mike/Jennifer) voice vote, motion carried.

**Expenditure Report:**

Expenditures to vendors and payroll totaled \$ 24,262.28 for July. Motion to approved vendor payments and payroll, Mike/Willie motion carried.

**Library Director's Report:**

1. The July library programs, listed below, were well attended:
  - a. Preschool Storytime -2 dates (60 total attendees)
    - 1) taught by Betsy
  - b. Juniper Book Clup - 1 event (8 attendees)
    - 1) Betsy
  - c. Book Club (Adults 11 attendees)
    - 1) Nancy
  - d. Best Sellers & Baked Goods -1 event (Adults 30 attendees)
    - 1) Kaitlin
  - e. Trim Healthy Mama - 1 event (18 attendees)
    - 1) Kellee
  - f. Pokemon Club - 2 events (30 attendees)
    - 1) Abigail
  - g. Mahjong - NEW - 3 events (36 attendees)
    - 1) Nancy
  - h. Summer Reading Events - 5 events ( 580 attendees)
    - 1) Betsy
  - i. Fun with Fairy Gardens NEW - 1 event (31 attendees)
    - 1) Vicki
  - j. Summer Carnival- 1 event (500 attendees)
    - 1) Betsy

**Grand Total: 18 Events 1304 Attendees ( YTD 98 Events 3702 Attendees)**

Kaitlin and Betsy reported that the carnival was a great success this year. It was suggested that we look for a sponsor or sponsors to help with the funding for next years carnival.

The Apple Dumpling Sale will be taking place on November 22nd.

**Old Business:**

We are still looking into the possibility of putting a shed at the side of the building for storage. Someone from the board will need to speak with the township about placing a shed on the property.

There is still the need for a good security system for the library.

**President's Report:**

**Fundraising:**

A strategic step by step plan has been put into place to help the library achieve its fundraising goals.

Our first order of business is to:

- a. "Create a formal plan for increasing community support, encompassing the goals listed below."
  - Objective 1- Create a fundraising committee (board, staff, volunteers)
  - Objective 2- Research best practices in fundraising
  - Consult with peer libraries in the county and state on successful efforts

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 (Willie/ Mike) voice vote motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Thursday, September 12th, 2024 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel Board of Supervisors meeting: Thursday, September 12th, 2024 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Tulpehocken Board of Supervisors meeting: Wednesday, September 11th starting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Linda Wilcox