

SINKING SPRING PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES
May 20, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sinking Spring Public Library (SSPL) was held on May 20, 2024. Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

Board Members Present: Tracy Peterson, Lisa Domeshek, Ben Robitzer, Carmella O' Toole , Allison Brophy,

Library Staff Present: Wenonah Riegel, Randi Zaborowski

Public: None

SSPL Friends: Dale Whitehead, Bev Whitehead

FRIENDS OF SSPL REPORT

Next book sale July 12 and July 13

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Katydid Farm came May 10th not June 10th. Mr. Robitzer made changes and minutes were approved as amended.

REVIEW OF TREASURERS REPORT

Passports are down about 50% from last year but have been improving.

PROGRESS AND SERVICE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Library Display

- This month we are featuring graduates and graduation

Museum Passes

- The library museum pass program is gaining steam. More people are discovering the passes that we offer. We have been working hard to advertise this program with the library patrons and passport customers.
- Museum Passes count as part of our 12% collection spending requirements

Programing

- The library will be having a program this weekend with Sherry Heim of the Heartland Herb Society- I stained and 8 foot planter and have been working on assembling it for the program. The patrons will be planting herbs and learning about them. In June, Sherry will be returning to teach the patrons how to use the herbs. We will also be giving the patrons bags and little snips this summer so they can cut some fresh herbs to take home.
- Wednesday, June 29th the True Crimes Book Club will be meeting
- Saturday, June 1st the gardening Club will be meeting at 9:00 am. The Tick Lab will be presenting a program on ticks. Following the club meeting the Penn State Master Gardeners will be presenting a program on composting at 10:00 am.

Fundraising

- Small Games of Chance- I recently wrote a letter to the Berks County Treasurer's office to see if we would be able to get a Small Games of Chance license for the year.
We were granted a license for the Sinking Spring Public Library for April 1st 2024 to March 31st 2025.
- Texas Roadhouse Restaurant- I talked to Helena from the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant. We set up a fundraiser for Thursday, June 27th from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Barb was contacted at the Spring Township Library to get permission to hold the fundraiser, since this is in her area.
Patrons just have to bring our flyer and the library will receive 10% of the purchase price of their meal
We are currently advertising the event and passing out flyers.
We are not allowed to pass out flyers on the restaurant property the day of the event, but patrons can pick them up at the library before they go.
We need the Library Board's help to spread the word and pass out flyers to family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances.
- Air Fryer Raffle- Carmella O'Toole donated a new air fryer. We plan to start the raffle this week and hold it to the end of June.
- Boscov's is doing their annual Friends Helping Friends fundraiser this year. Patrons pay \$5.00 for a pass and receive 25% off on Tuesday, October 27th 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. We are registered for the event. The Library keeps the \$5.00 donation price. We can start advertising this event as soon as I am able to pick up the passes.
- Quilt Raffle-We have been researching getting a quilt made to raffle with the raffle ending the end of October/early November. The Wooden Bridge Quilt Shop has tops available that we can have completed into a quilt.

Donations

- The West Lawn Quilting Associates gave the library an additional check for \$500. We requested this money for museum passes.

Library Beautification

- Ric Paplosky and I recently went to Black Creek Nursery to pick up flowers for the garden beds surrounding the library entrance. We also picked up the plants for the herb program
- I have been planting whenever there is a break in the rain. I hope to finish planting the flower beds by the end of next week.
- The patrons have been very enthusiastic about the flowers and the improved look around the library entrance.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Air conditioning system has been fixed.

The board thanked Ms. Zaborowski for her great social media posts on SSPL's Facebook.

Summer Reading logs start June 3 and last day to turn them in is August 3

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NEW BUSINESS

Library now has tablets to use for children that have learning games on them.

Next meeting in person will be in September.

LIBRARY SYSTEMS MEETING REPORT

Facilities Review Policy requires Systems board or County Commissioners to approve any work being done to library building. Board has 90 days to respond. State is requiring this in order to get state aid. Members from Reading Board spoke out against it and made it sound like this will not be required in 2 years. System board will have Stephanie Williams look in to it. Policy has been tabled for now.

Barrowing Policy was amended to remove temporary cards since this doesn't relate to SPARK.

Book Bonanza is 9/20 and 9/21 10am to 7pm and 9/22 10am to 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

NEXT MEETING OF SSPL: June 17, 2024

NEXT SYSTEMS MEETING: August 21, 2024