

SINKING SPRING PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES
August 19, 2024

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sinking Spring Public Library (SSPL) was held on August 19, 2024. Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

Board Members Present: Tracy Peterson, Lisa Domeshek, Ben Robitzer, Carmella O' Toole , Allison Brophy, Jenny Allbee
Library Staff Present: Wenonah Riegel, Randi Zaborowski
Public: Lori Abouomar
SSPL Friends: None

FRIENDS OF SSPL REPORT

- The Friends made \$1,500 in the book sale held on July 12th and 13th
- The Friends gave a check for \$374 for Robotics
- We also received a check for \$326.70 for movie purchases April – July 2024

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Motion made by Lisa Domeshek seconded by Jenny Allbee to approve June minutes. All voted in approval.

REVIEW OF TREASURERS REPORT

Library is still in the positive thanks to state aid coming earlier this year.

Down about 50% from passports compared to this time last year but gap is closing.

PROGRESS AND SERVICE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Summer Reading

- This was a very successful summer with many new faces visiting the library!
- Many people commented on how much they love the flower beds and herb garden
- Patrons enjoyed the fact that they could take some of the fresh herbs

Library Display

- Summer Reading ended on August 3rd
- We have some of our newer books on display. We will be transitioning shortly to our fall display.

New Board Member

- Lori Abouomar has agreed to join the library board
- She has a BS in accounting from Penn State
- She believes that libraries play an integral part and are very important in a community because they provide a positive, creative, and educational environment that is much needed for all ages. "We can escape to other worlds without leaving the building."

- Lori was a trustee on the Board of the Spring Township Library Association for approximately 2 years and resigned in 2013.

Book Bonanza

- Volunteers for the Friends of BCPL Book Bonanza borrowed two of our book carts that were in the basement for their event

Programming

- On Saturday, July 6th we had our regular gardening club meeting at 9:00 am. The Penn State Master Gardener program on Longwood Gardens immediately followed. Every year Longwood sends the libraries in Berks County a children's book and an adult book as part of their summer read. We were also given some Longwood passes to give to patrons. Everyone attending the program who wanted a Longwood pass received one.
- Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site presented a wonderful program on the park on Saturday, July 13th.
- On Saturday, August 3rd the Tick Lab a part of East Stroudsburg University presented a very informative program on ticks to the Gardening Club. Samples of tick larva were available for patrons to examine. Patrons were given handouts and pocket guides.
- Also, on August 3rd the Penn State Master Gardeners presented a program on Seed Saving. The program was so popular that we will be scheduling a Seed Saving program part 2.
- The spinning program supported by a grant from the Juniper Fund will be held on Saturday, September 21st

Fundraising

- The Texas Roadhouse fundraiser earned \$118 for the library
- Air Fryer Raffle netted us \$102. The fryer was donated by Library Board member Carmella O'Toole
- The donations for the bookmarks are up to \$120
- The Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser will be ongoing until October 12, 2024. Tickets are available for a \$5.00 donation.
- A library donation wish list has been posted on the two interior windows when you come into the foyer. We received a \$75.00 donation today from a patron who was very appreciative of our museum pass program.
- The Library has purchased a quilt top from the Wooden Bridge Quilt Shop and had it made into a quilt. I am currently sewing a sleeve on the back of the quilt. It will hang in the library until it is raffled. We will be selling tickets for the quilt until December 12. The quilt is a Compass Star in the colors of white, light grey, and teal.
- We have a spread sheet of the businesses and organizations I visited and/or contacted this summer. Notations were made if they donated to the library or not.

BCPL Reimbursements

- The library received \$1,000 reimbursement for Summer Reading and/or programs, Library of Things, etc. from the county.
- I submitted paperwork to receive a \$500 reimbursement for our audit/financial services. This was the first year BCPL had this reimbursement to the best of my knowledge
- As soon as my credit card is charged, I will be submitting a reimbursement for \$500 for the conference.

Personnel

- Webgie Cadet resigned in July. She is relocating to Ohio.
- Damali Collins will be resigning in August. She will be spending more time with her family.

Continuing Education

This year 2 board members must attend continuing education

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Peterson asked Betsey to reach out to the family members that put the Food Bank up to see if they can handle it otherwise it will be put down by the borough.

Board will meet in person in September and October. November and December will be virtual.

Holiday open house will be Wednesday, December 4.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori Abouomar introduced herself to the board.

Mrs. Riegel would like to have Emily handle social media and marketing for the library an extra 1-2 hours a week working from home and to also help the library work towards Gold Star status. Mr. Robitzer mentioned putting in the vote no more than 2 hours. Ms. Domeshek made a motion seconded by Ms. Allbee. All voted in approval.

Mrs. Riegel will find out more info about the trustee continuing education and keep us updated.

Motion made by Ms. Domeshek and seconded by Ms. Allbee to vote to have Lori join the board. All voted in approval.

Mr. Robitzer requested for her email labouomar@yahoo.com to send her the contact list.

LIBRARY SYSTEMS MEETING REPORT

Mr. Robitzer will attend the meeting Wednesday virtually.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm

NEXT MEETING OF SSPL: September 16, 2024
NEXT SYSTEMS MEETING: August 21, 2024

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