

Exeter Library Association Board Meeting

June 10, 2024

6:30 pm – In-person

Meeting Called to Order at 6: 37 PM

Attendance: Theresa G. Mowad (by phone), President Laura Biancone Vice-President, Christy Resh Treasurer, Mariel Jordan Secretary, Michael Fritz (Not present) Member, Ibrahim Bangura Member, Chris Sperat (Not Present) Member, Charlene Zawaski, Friends President

Special order: Chris Sperat, Board member resignation.

Public Comment

Susan Broome: Stated that the library does not have a director at this point. She asked why the assistant director is not attending the meeting? She feels it is disappointing and shows a lack of leadership.

Jeff Carson: Stated the board is looking for an executive director and should follow the Berks County Public library association advice on hiring of new executive director. He questioned if the board has a quorum this meeting, and last meeting.

Tiffany Evans: Shared that she does not like the disconnect between the library and Women's Club and would love to move forward with a relationship. Tiffany will leave her contact information to help assist in fostering a relationship between the two organizations.

Eileen Teater: Stated that she is a previous board member that helped the library to get started, and she feels The Women's Club is losing members because their current location is not easy to get in and out of. She discussed fundraisers the Women's Club has done in the past that have benefited the library.

Executive Session at 6:45 PM to discuss personnel. Motion to end executive session, Mariel Jordan, Second Laura Biancone. Executive session ends at 7:10 PM

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept May 13, 2024 minutes Christy Resh, Second Ibrahim Bangura. Motion carries.

Library Director's Report: Ibrahim shared the assistant director's report that had been shared with the library board members. He shared the monthly data on circulation and library usage,

and library cards opened. Over 200 adults attended 12 library programs. The 2024-2025 District Negotiated Agreement between member libraries and the Reading District Library Center was signed. This agreement is in effect from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025. Information was shared about the URR compliance checklist which was attached to the director's report for viewing. Information about county funding was shared for 2025. Funding changes are expected for 2026 and 2027. A return-on-investment presentation was attended. Summer Quest begins Monday, June 10th. All events will be posted on the library website and social media. Board members and family members are invited to attend.

Friends' Report: Charlene Zawaski stated that the friends provided \$800 to purchase museum tickets, \$4,704 was raised at the May book sale.

Treasurer's Report: Christy Resh shared the treasurer's report including income for the month as well as May expenses.

Presentation of the Bills

Motion to Pay the May bills: Laura Biancone, Second Ibrahim Bangura. Motion carries.

County System Update. Mariel Jordan attended the May 15 meeting of Berks County Public Library Meeting. Three policies were discussed. The borrowing policy was approved and has been updated to the website. In draft currently is a Facilities policy and Public Comment policy.

Committee Reports

- A. Fundraising: Theresa Mowad (Chair) 5K is on June 22nd. T-shirts and awards have been purchased and ready to go.
- B. Finance: Christy Resh (Chair): Audit is underway, and documentation has been dropped off. The library audit is following the same timeline as last year.
- C. Technology: Ibrahim Bangura (Chair): Discussed cost of the proposal for new library computers.
Motion to approve the quote to update library computers prior to the expiration June 28, 2024: Christy Resh, Second Lauria Biancone. Motion carries.
- D. Policy: Borrowing policy is updated on the website.
- E. Board Recruitment:

Jordan Henning introduced himself to the board. He stated he is a licensed social worker and Exeter resident for five years. He feels his strengths are policy development and research. He is interested in contributing his skills and knowledge to the board and help in resolving current and future issues.

Brian Ackerman introduced himself to the board. He is an ALA certified librarian and retired educator. He served as a board member of the Berks County Health Trust.

Strategic Plan: NO update

Unfinished Business: No update

New Business

Motion: Approve Potential Board Member Jordan Henning Christy Resh, Second Ibrahim Bangura. Motion carries.

Motion: Approve Potential Board Member Brian Ackerman, Ibrahim Bangura, Second Chrisy Resh. Motion carries.

Training Opportunities: No update

Board Member Comment: No comment

Next Meeting July 8, 2023, 6:30 PM, In Person

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting Christy Resh, Second Laura Biancone. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.