

Exeter Library Association Board Meeting

August 12, 2024

6:30 pm – In-person

Laura Biancone, Vice-President called the Meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Attendance: Laura Biancone, Vice-President Christy Resh, Treasurer Mariel Jordan, Secretary, Michael Fritz, Member, Ibrahim Bangura, Member, Jordan Henning, Member, Brian Ackerman, Member,

Laura Biancone announced that an executive session was held from 6:00-6:38 PM to discuss personnel.

Public Comment: Jeff Carson introduced himself and stated that he has been attending meetings for the past 6 months. He stated he will continue to come to the meeting. He states that he plans to come for two reasons. One reason is because he feels that his attendance keeps the president of the board from coming. He also feels the library minutes for the meeting are not as detailed as before. He shared a letter he wrote with the board.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept July 8, 2024 minutes, Mike Fritz, second, Brian Ackerman. Motion carries.

Library Director's Report: Library statistics for July were shared including circulation, library cards, and summer reading tickets. A new employee was hired to fill-in open shifts and cover extra hours from an employee who is cutting back on hours. The 6th season of the Literatour programing is starting September 9th. District reimbursement for continuing education and financial management is available. Each library is still responsible for 6% of the total purchasing budget for of the cost of Overdrive/Libby. BCPL Awards are being revamped to combine with the annual county-wide staff development day. 4th Quarter initiative is passport challenge to encourage patrons to visit multiple Berks County libraries. Summer Quest for adult and children ticket totals were shared.

Friends' Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Christy Resh presented the treasurer's report. The report showed the total cash available was \$399,077.95 as of 7/31/24 (unaudited). July 2024 YTD revenue was \$487K (total budgeted revenue for 2024 is \$589,595) and revenue for the month of July 2024 was \$138,127.52 from Exeter Township, county and state funds, Title Source, gifts and donations, and fines/fees/lost items/copies. Expenses for the month of July 2024 were \$40,248.99. Christy

Resh stated that the audit has been completed for 2023. One more payment from Exeter is expected for the year.

Presentation of the Bills: Motion to pay the July bills, Jordan Henning, second Ibrahim Bangura, Motion carries.

Motion to approve the 990 tax form, Brian Ackerman second Jordan Hening. Motion carries.

County System Update: The next meeting will be August 21st. Mariel Jordan will attend the meeting and update the board during the September meeting.

Committee Reports

Fundraising: Theresa Mowad (Chair): No update

Finance: Christy Resh (Chair): The 2023 Audit is done

Technology: Ibrahim Bangura (Chair): The technology committee will meet next month. The new computers have arrived. They have been installed and new computers are being used by patrons. Ibrahim will update the board next month on the usage and success once he meets with the technology committee.

Policy: (Brian Ackerman): No update.

Board Recruitment: No update.

Strategic Plan: No update.

Unfinished Business

Hiring update: Laura Biancone shared that the hiring committee was meeting with a potential candidate; however, the candidate has since taken a different position. The committee will begin candidate search again to search for a new candidate.

New Business

Training Opportunities: No update

Board Member Comment: Mike Fritz stated the importance of board attendance at meetings. He states the importance of restructuring the board for effectiveness and to move forward as a board.

Mariel Jordan asked that the posting for the executive director be refreshed and possible posts to schools and other places that might contain possible candidates (Drexel, Penn West, post to the township, possible posting through the state).

Jordan Henning told Mr. Carson that he has read all his letters. Mike Fritz asked for patience and latitude to learn the ropes.

Next Meeting September 9, 2024, 6:30 PM, In Person

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting Brian Ackerman, Second Jordan Henning, Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.