

Wernersville Public Library
Teen Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2024

MISSION STATEMENT: The Wernersville Public Library inspires learning, creates community, and transforms lives with quality resources and services.

In Attendance: Gabrielle Hardy (Youth Programmer), Sarah Maciejewski (Adult and Teen Programmer), Amy Tran, Michael Marinari-Gonzalez, Moses Marinari-Gonzalez, Evie Romano, Abigail Niculcea, and Katelynn Humbles

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

1. Refreshments and Icebreakers
 - a. Everyone introduced themselves and discussed why they decided to join the Teen Advisory Board.
2. Purpose of the Board and Discussion of Naming the Board
 - a. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a group of library teen volunteers that helps the library and the community by implementing, promoting, and advocating for youth services at the Wernersville Public Library.
 - b. The Teen Advisory Board will provide program feedback, assist librarians with planning and running events, and be library advocates.
 - c. Board Officer Responsibilities were discussed and explained.
3. Board Officers and their Roles (Nominations)
 - a. Nominees:
 - i. President
 1. Katelynn Humbles
 - ii. Vice President
 1. Abigail Niculcea
 2. Michael Marinari-Gonzalez
 3. Katelynn Humbles
 - iii. Secretary
 1. Amy Tran
 2. Evie Romano
 3. Michael Marinari-Gonzalez
 - b. Officer elections will occur at our next meeting on February 23, 2024.
4. Ground Rules

- a. Ground rules were approved. No edits are needed.
5. Current Projects at the Library
 - a. The current programs at the library are Teen Anime Club, Teen Creative Writing Club, and HumaniTeens. These were discussed with the Board and no comments were added.
 - b. It was agreed that weekends are the best time for teen programming and that Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays were best for the summertime.
 - c. Discussed Summer Quest Reading Challenge
6. Possible Teen Programs
 - a. A discussion was made about future programming at the library. It was suggested that we get the Youth Volunteer Corps at the library.
 - b. Programs Discussed:
 - i. Resume building program
 - ii. “How to go grocery shopping” and meal prep
 - iii. Take-home activities
 - iv. Clubs of interest
7. Meeting Dates
 - a. We decided to keep the last Friday of the month at 5 p.m. as our meeting day and time. These meetings will be monthly.
8. Open Discussion Portion
 - a. Best ways to reach an audience
 - i. Word of mouth is the best way to get our marketing around.
 - ii. Social media should not be the number one marketing tool.
 - b. Attendance at events
 - i. The Board members will try to attend programs and will share information with friends and family.
9. Tour of the Library
 - a. We toured the upstairs and downstairs areas of the library for the Board to see.
10. Adjournment:
 - a. Meeting ended at 5:36 p.m.
 - b. Our next meeting will be on February 23, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Gabrielle Hardy (1/26/2024)

Approved by Teen Advisory Board (---)