

## **Robesonia Community Library Board Minutes 4/8/24**

### **In attendance:**

Carlos Jenkins, Donald Stripling, Tyler March, David Randler, Leslie Pirl-Roth, Charles Brown, Geneva Berger, Madison Riehl  
Remote: Cindy Murdough, Ellen Rissinger

Not in attendance:

Bill Kase

### **Called to order at 18:00**

**Vote on new member(s)** – Carlos Jenkins

Unanimous acceptance

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved: Leslie Pirl-Roth

Second: Donal Stripling

### **Librarian's Report**

Funds for Gaming Corner came from Friends of the Library

Spring Craft Packs went out

Berks Public Library System Advisory Meeting in May—Carlos Jenkins will go on May 15, 2024, 7pm to represent

T-shirts for Summer Quest—7 employees T-shirts will be funded by Donald Stripling

### **Financial Report**

Casey (bookkeeper) has access to the accounts—looking for the information for CD  
Question was raised about interest rates for savings and money market accounts as well as Certificate of Deposit.

Suggestion was made to ask Wendy Feeg (former treasurer) about information for CD  
Donald will ask Wendy; Madison will look into the files; Leslie will ask Mindy for more information. If something needs to be done before the next meeting, an email vote will be taken.

Names need to be changed at the bank.

May be a conflict of interest in moving our bank accounts to JBT with one of the board members who works for JBT. Madison will reach out to the system to find out protocol in this matter.

Request was made to attach bank statements to the financial report.

Report was tabled to wait for further information.

### **Borough Liaison Report**

a. Comments made at Council Meeting

Three representatives for meeting with Borough Council—to discuss how many members are on the board among other issues: Leslie Pirl-Roth, Charles Brown, Carlos Jenkins. Madison asked to attend as well.

Issue with carpet in the Borough Hall—no food or drinks in the meeting room.

Plans to keep lines of communication open between Council and Library.

Request to pick up the mail from Liz rather than waiting for Liz to bring it over.

Comments were made regarding not disturbing Liz when she's in the back room rather than in the front of the Borough office.

Borough would like to stick to 5-7 members of the library board, using the previous ordinance.

Borough would like to discuss a lease agreement, one was suggested in 2022. Madison will discuss this with a lawyer. For state documentation, the library needs statements from every participating municipality, and will need to see a lawyer.

Financial statement: \$13,500 per year is donation. Roughly \$7500 for janitorial supplies and other maintenance fees. \$11,000-12,000 heating and A/C system. Madison fills out annual report with all of the building costs with the state.

Lease agreement: instead of giving library more money, Borough wants a lease agreement under the assumption that it will look like the library receives more money thereby getting more state money, but the library system has acknowledged that it will not work and there could be consequences.

#### Lawyer

Option 1-\$2000 retainer, \$247-\$343 per hour

Option 2-\$5000 retainer, \$425 per hour

Option 3-\$200 consultation fee

Madison requested to the Board Liaison that if there are issues with the scheduling in the Council Room that it please come to her rather than be discussed in public.

Request was made to request archived minutes from the year leading up to the 2001 policy change regarding the number of library board members. Andy George had recommended that in the latest Borough Council meeting. Leslie volunteered to look into this matter.

Motion to choose Option 1: Ellen Rissinger  
Second: Leslie Pirl-Roth  
Ayes carry. 1 dissent from Dave Randler.

### **Friends Liaison Report**

Garden tour June 22, 2024—still looking for gardens  
Book sale: May, 11, 2024, 9am-1pm, Baked Goods sale in foyer.

### **Committee Updates**

- a. Finance-Charles Brown, Donald Stripling, Tyler March, David Randler
- b. Fundraising-Charles Brown, Tyler March, Leslie Pirl-Roth, Ellen Rissinger
- c. Personnel- Charles Brown, Leslie Pirl-Roth, David Randler
- d. Volunteer committee? May be taken off bylaws

Fundraising committee should meet before the next board meeting.

### **New Business**

- a. New fundraising ideas—Leslie will send out the fundraising letter to proofread. Goal to get letter out by end of May. Will need stamps and envelopes.
- b. Castaneda's Liaison—Charles Brown
- c. Donating to other organizations—Madison receives requests from other organizations, e.g. firehouse. Policy is that we do not

### **Old Business**

Opening savings account—taken care of with finance report.

The next meeting will be May 13, 2024, at 18:00.

Motion to adjourn: Leslie Pirl-Roth  
Second: Donald Stripling  
Unanimous acceptance.

**Meeting was adjourned at 19:36.**