

Robesonia Community Library Board Minutes 8/12/24

In attendance:

Leslie Pirl-Roth, Charles Brown, Carlos Jenkins, Madison Riehl, Geneva Berger, Ellen Rissinger, Bill Kase, Cindy Murdough, Donald Stripling

The meeting was videotaped on Zoom:

Called to order at 18:02

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Leslie Pirl-Roth

Second: Geneva Berger

Unanimously Accepted

Librarian's Report

Summer Quest was very successful, EDI packets went out—Spanish craft pack with a Spanish book with adventure theme

Stats

Did two prize drawings

Leah wrote in-depth explanations

Was submitted to Becky for the state forms

990 returned—Madi, Don, and Casey will meet Thursday to look them over

State responded about Director Certification Plan, only a few months delay so we don't have to do anything about it

Must send a progress report and secretary will write a letter explaining the delay

In the process of changing the credit card—on the old credit card there were 3 purchases (2 for \$15, and 1 over \$100, 2 more after that) that were not made by anyone from the library. In disputing the charge, Madison couldn't do anything about it because she is not on the account (account in Abbey Brunner's name, card in Susan Eshlon's name). Madison does go through Credit Card bills every month to see what's recurring.

Computer for Leah came in

Fund Drive letters were mailed (so far \$1969 received)

Little Library has been taken to Carlos' house, will be installed after home renovations

Motion to approve: Donald Striping
Second: Leslie Pirl-Roth
Motion passed unanimously

Financial Report-Donald Striping

Net income is in the negative because of lawyer fees. Initial deposit has been used
The question was asked: do we pay for a computer update every year—there is a small budget for computer costs every year
There is an annual fee for the credit card, but that will be reversed
Motion to accept: Ellen Rissinger
Second: Leslie Pirl-Roth
Motion passed unanimously

Friends Liaison Report—Leslie Pirl-Roth

There has not been a meeting
Will not have a fall book sale
Will meet in August, September, and October 15 is public meeting in main room—Steve Hefner will come to talk about Civil War
Can there be a notation in the QR code account from a Friend of the Library who wants to donate?
There will be a Christmas-palooza

Committee Updates

Finance—Donald Striping

David Randler has resigned as part of the board, so he is no longer on the Finance Committee
Looking into revising the budget to make it clearer—once the 990 is done this will be a priority
We do need someone to go to each municipality in September and ask for municipal support for the following year—will need to call and get on agenda—money must come during the time agreed (not in December for January). Should create a unified statement so that all of the information is given correctly—maybe include the usage from their township.
Charlie will go to Heidelberg Township
Leslie will go to North Heidelberg Township
Leslie will go to Robesonia Borough

Fundraising—Leslie Pirl-Roth

Leah's sister wants to be involved—sent a huge list with possible fundraising ideas

Christmas Palooza—Dec 7, 10am-2pm—Geneva got supplies from Boscov's, mini book sale and a few crafters. This needs advertising
Used to be a pumpkin decoration day—could pumpkins be donated or gift card donations

Trunk or Treat—Oct 29, 6pm in Borough Parking Lot—Madison will ask permission for use of the parking lot

Fundraising committee meeting: Wednesday, Aug 21 at 5pm

New Business

Charlie

Possible board member reduction

In Lease Agreement it states we must follow the ordinance—only 5 members on Library Board, 3 of whom must be appointed by the Borough Council, the other 2 get appointed by the Library Board

They relinquished the original appointment duty to the Library in the past, so we can fight to keep the board we have

Leslie asked Borough if she could be the liaison, which is possible. She will pursue this

If someone steps off board, they can still be on committees and attend meetings

Newspaper Subscription

Libraries used to have newspaper subscriptions--

Reading Eagle Sunday print-\$2.50/wk

4-wk trial

7 days of newspaper-\$80.60/3-months

Online option would be cheaper

NYTimes-daily \$40/month

Only Sunday-\$20/month

Geneva will donate her Sunday paper to the library

Madison

Verizon Auto-Pay

Verification method is complicated, this would allow the bill to be paid without complications

Motion to allow: Leslie Pirl-Roth

Second: Bill Kase
Motion passed unanimously

Leslie

Klinger's Fundraiser

Sept 18-19

Old Business

Castañeda's Fundraising

The owner of Castañeda's sent in a check in June--\$620

Charlie will have Lori ask about cooking classes

Lease Agreement

Lawyer recommends that we go with the current lease agreement

One concern was raised regarding the stipulation that we must follow the library code—Borough will still have to send us notice of default with 10 days to correct. Leslie will ask David Bright why this was added.

Meeting in 2-weeks to discuss this: Aug 26, 6pm.

Miscellaneous

The Workshop meeting is Aug 26, 18:00.

The next regular meeting will be September 9, 2024, at 18:00.

Motion to adjourn: Geneva Berger

Second: Leslie Pirl-Roth

Unanimous acceptance.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:21.