

Robesonia Community Library Board Minutes Workshop 8/26/24

In attendance:

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

Remote: Ellen Rissinger

The meeting was audiotaped on Zoom:

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Called to order at 18:04

Approval of Minutes

One correction was made

Motion: Leslie Pirl-Roth

Second: Don Stripling

Unanimously Accepted

Old Business

Lease Agreement

- This topic was moved up to be sure there would be enough time for discussion. Leslie spoke with Dave Bright, he was unable to give any extra information regarding the library code statement. Through Liz, Leslie was told that Harvey said that it had to do with keeping the library board at 5-7 people. Concern was expressed that this was not directly from Harvey. The suggestion was made to continue to be vigilant, going to Borough Council meetings and staying current on everything they are doing. As this situation began, the Borough Council stopped funding, and only resumed funding with stipulations.

- Storage closet comment in lease—says that we need to discuss a new location for some of the library tables. Suggestion was made to get different chairs that stack differently, thinking that the issue isn't the tables but the chairs and their racks. The reverse was argued, since the chairs are used for the Borough Council meetings. Apparently there are problems getting into the storage closet—Friends of the Library will discuss this with maintenance.
- Charlie will sign the lease and Leslie will attest

Motion to accept the lease: Leslie Pirl-Roth

Second: Geneva Berger

Motion passed – 1 opposed

New Business

Fundraising—Leslie Pirl-Roth

Meeting was cancelled last week

Christmas Palooza will be December 7—Book sale and crafters. There will be flyers and posters. Ellen will ask Rustic Rose if she would like to be a part of it, as well as asking if she would like to partner with us for a fundraiser.

Boscov's fundraiser is coming up. Each coupon sells for \$5. Money goes completely to the library. Last year, people sat in Boscov's selling them to entering customers.

The idea was suggested to sell small bags of popcorn in the library. Staff would make it, bag it, and sell it to library patrons.

Board must start doing fundraisers quarterly.

Board held a Bingo game before, and Don has all the materials for it. We could hold a Bingo game in the spring. Library could hold raffles throughout the year.

Will set up another Fundraising committee meeting.

A reminder was made that people do not have to be on the board to be on committees.

Ellen will ask Trinity Lutheran Church if Christmas Palooza could be held there.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest—Oct 26 is the final

Donated by Castanea Farms, families will purchase a pumpkin and decorate them at home. Madi will ask Borough if pumpkins can be displayed in the mulch. If that answer is no, people will paint the pumpkins and they will be displayed in the library. There will be several categories of winners. This is a fundraiser. Pumpkins available on Oct 1. There will be a week of voting.

By-laws changes

Changes were sent out. By-laws do not state that board members must be residents of Robesonia. Please read them, all board members must sign the by-laws.

Motion to approve: Donald Stripling

Second: Cindy Murdough

Motion passed unanimously

Municipal Support Letter

Madi will create a bullet point letter.

Resignation

Madi is submitting her resignation, her final day will be September 20, 2024. The board is very sad to lose her, Madi has done terrific work getting things organized and working through the lease.

Motion to accept: Ellen Rissinger

Second: Leslie Pirl-Roth

Motion passed unanimously

Miscellaneous

- Leslie is going to Robesonia Borough Meeting and North Heidelberg Township Meeting to ask for their funding. She will need to contact them to get on the agenda for their meetings. Madi will make sure everyone visiting meetings has all the information.
- Board member reduction—board will reduce to 7 members. Cindy Murdough has offered to resign but still come to meetings.
- Madi will send policies before the next meeting so that we can be prepared to correct them at the next meeting and vote on them.

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

Motion to adjourn: Don Stripling

Second: Charles Brown

Unanimous acceptance.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:10.