

WERNERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2024

Mission Statement: The Wernersville Public Library inspires, creates community, and transforms lives with quality resources and services.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Those in attendance were Sarah Evans, Sharon Melson, Ambur Bernhard, Abby Showalter, Deborah Scull, Allison Plevrakis, Greg Mazurek, Ali Emkey representing Maria Gerasklis-Long.

PUBLIC PORTION:

David Latino, Jim Pierce, Josh Fidler, Josh Wilson, Mayor Melissa Dean, Wernersville Borough and Paul Prutzman, Lower Heidelberg Township expressed their concern regarding the promotion of numerous books available to the library patrons regarding sexual content. It was brought to the attention of the Board a Teen Advisory Board banned books advertisement. The representatives are concerned that these books are being made available to teens and younger. Several questions were made regarding who chooses the books and does the Board have a say in the types of books we get at the Library. It was stated by Mrs. Plevrakis while checking the circulation of the Berks County Library that there are 19 copies of a particular book available at all Libraries in the County.

The board has acknowledged the public's concerns and will be checking on several items brought to the Board. We will be contacting our representative at the BCPL regarding these concerns and get back to the Municipalities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Greg and seconded by Abby to approve the minutes of September 10, 2024. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Allison presented the September financial reports. The checking account balance on 10/3/2024 was \$7.2k. The Wernersville Borough gave the library our second installment of \$6.9 in October. The 3rd quarter state and county aid check should arrive next week which will increase the checking account balance to an amount that will support October payroll. A motion was made by Greg and seconded by Debbi to approve the September financials. The Merrill Lynch investment account balance increased to \$556.1k at 9/30/24 from \$501.4 at 6/30/24.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Roof repairs are scheduled to take place on October 11-14th. The working crew will work during closed hours and before the library is open.

Municipality annual support letters were all distributed in September.

Based on the door count, we had 114 people in attendance at the library fall fair.

Reminder was made regarding the Boscov's sale on 10/22/24 and the Book Sale 10/22/2024 thru the 26th.

FRIENDS REPORT:

Friends asked for volunteers for their book sale and several people did sign up at tonight's meeting.

The Friends are finalizing their plans for the Fall Book Sale. They are also selling Coupons for Friends and Family sale at Boscov's on October 22, 2024. The book sale is scheduled for October 22-26th.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The fall fair raised \$1000.77 of which \$250.00 was given to the Teen Advisory Board to put towards materials, programs, and other fund raising cost that the teens are planning.

The annual appeal letters will be ready to stuff and be sent out in October.

Future fundraising ideas was tabled until the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

- Plans for state aid were submitted on 9/25/24.
- A motion was made by Ambur and seconded by Abby to change the evening hours to 7PM from 7:30 PM. Motion passed,
- Holiday closings for 2025 will be the same as 2024. The library will be closed May 2, 2025 for BCPL Development day. CE credits will be available for all staff in attendance. A motion was made by Allison and seconded by Greg for the 2025 library times and closures. Motion passed.
- A motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Allison to keep of meeting time and day for our Board meeting. Motion passed.

OTHER: BCPL BOARD MEETINGS:

11/20/24 Ambur, with Greg as her back up.

NEXT MEETING; November 12, 2024

ADJOURNMENT;

A motion was made by Greg and seconded Allison to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah P Scull
Secretary