

TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES (TTL)
Minutes of the Board of Trustees (BoT)
Thursday, January 24, 2019
7:30 PM at Tredyffrin Library

Presiding: John C.T. Alexander, President

Board Members Present: (constituting a quorum):

Mike McTiernan

Bob Senior (Treasurer)

Tim Ross (Vice President)

Helen Yao

In Attendance:

Marianne Hooper, Staff

Chris Kibler, Library Director

Kate Currigan, Friends of TPL

Rachel Kramer, Staff

Beverly Michaels, Branch Manager

Kevin O'Neill, BoS Liaison

Jennifer Whip, TPL Foundation

Anthony Ferris, Member of the Public

Mr. Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Ms. Yao volunteered to capture meeting minutes on behalf of Ms. Pauciulo.

Minutes - Mr. Alexander

The December minutes were submitted by Ms. Pauciulo for approval. Mr. Ross motioned to approve.

Mr. Senior seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – Mr. Alexander

Mr. Alexander welcomed special guest, Ms. Whip, to give an update on the planning process of the Foundation's golf fundraising event. The event is planned for fall of 2019 and will host up to 48 golfers that includes lunch, 18-hole shamble format, and a cocktail hour with possible silent auction. Foundation board members are currently focusing on getting local businesses to sign up as sponsors. New Print in Paoli offered to provide free print services for as much as their business will allow. Ms. Whip asked BoT members to help support the event by getting sponsorships from local businesses. Mr. Alexander confirmed that Mr. Warren Kampf will be the chair of the golf event and Mr. Paul Olsen will be the honorary chair.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Senior

No report due to Chester County reports that are needed for analysis are unavailable.

Fundraising Report – Ms. Kramer

The annual appeal went well as we have received \$55,771 from the campaign so far. The total number of donors also increased. The community responded well to the annual appeal letter.

Vanguard's Hometown Grants Program gave TPL and Paoli Library \$5000 each.

Director's Report – Mr. Kibler

Written report submitted.

Branch Manager's Report – Ms. Michaels

Written report submitted.

System Advisory Council – Mr. Kibler

Ms. McDonnell is stepping down as the SAC representative from the BoT and requested that another member of the board replace her. Mr. Senior volunteered to replace Ms. McDonnell. Ms. Yao motioned to approve. Mr. Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Friends of TPL Report – Ms. Currigan

The Friends are experiencing space constraints and Ms. Currigan has contacted a company to see if they can help with space planning and reconfigurations.

2018 book sales up 5% to \$76,000. 26% of revenue went to operations. Expenses remain low.

Red Fox Book Shop will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary in July 2019.

The Friends will increase funding for museum passes, adding 5 new ones in 2019.

Friends of Paoli Library Report – Ms. Michaels

The Paoli Friends had a meeting in mid-January and they are planning to have a book sale in the spring. Some of the books that are stored in the basement got some water damage due to leaks. Paoli Friends are also looking to expand their membership.

New Business

- Cell phone reception continues to be a challenge in TPL. Mr. Kibler is looking at ways to boost the signal to improve cell service.
- Mr. Alexander voiced his concern for the library's space constraint especially in the Children's section and suggested that we create a committee with board members to look into building expansion.
- Mr. Alexander is interested in getting solar panels for our "welcoming tree" and offered suggestions to better engage our teen patrons.

Tredyffrin Township Supervisors

Mr. Kevin O'Neil recently joined as the new BoS liaison and introduced himself to the BoT.

Public Comment

Mr. Alexander introduced Mr. Anthony Ferris to the BoT and the library staff in attendance as a BoT candidate. Mr. Ferris briefly shared his personal background.

Mr. Alexander and Mr. McTiernan previously interviewed Mr. Ferris for the open BoT position and asked for a vote to recommend Mr. Ferris to the BoS. Mr. Ross motioned to vote. Mr. McTiernan seconded the motion and Mr. Ferris was unanimously voted to be recommended to the BoS for further consideration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm. Next meeting: Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm at Paoli Library.