

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Date: February 24, 2025

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Joe Milano.

PRESENT: Joe Milano, Emily Cooper, Lauren Greaves, Daniel Kaye, Elaine Cassidy Shanahan, Maurie Markman and Liz Fitzgerald were in attendance along with Terry Biansco, Michelle Washington and Diane Moskal.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2025, was made by Joe Milano, seconded by Maurie Markman. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION: No presentations were made.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The December 2024 Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Highlights include:

- Book and Endowments had losses, mostly due to end of year bills, but we expect them to bounce back.
- Annual Appeal includes Giving Tuesday funds because Giving Tuesday fell in December.

The December 2024 Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- ATPL expects to play a role in helping the community in the aftermath from the SPS fire. Library well-suited to host events to bring people together and share information.
- Inservice Day scheduled for Monday, March 3. Opportunity for Board, Township staff and ATPL to connect.
- Wonderful programs, including arts and crafts for adults, Elaine Wolfson Magilner Memorial Concert, lunch and learn on Philadelphia's history as a revolutionary city, info-session on moving to a senior-living facility.
- Upcoming computer replacements are planned for several staff.

Children's

- Great programs, especially one for Valentine's Day. 145 people attended the Dog Man party.
- Summer reading planning is underway.
- Beautiful new mural in the children's department will be completed by mid-March.

Young Adults

- A high school Life Skills class toured ATPL.
- Teen volunteers are needed for Math with a Mutt, a program similar to Doggone Good Readers, but with math.

Roslyn

- Meg hosted winter seed sowing program with 16 attendees. A second date is planned for members on waitlist.
- Superhero event for Black History Month was quite popular with 13 attendees.

Facilities

- Thank you to Jim and John for making sure roads and parking lots were cleaned during inclement weather.
- Jim replaced all light bulbs in fixtures on main floor.
- A plumber fixed several leaks in Book Cellar.

Daniel Kaye met with PSU Abington about mobilizing our partnership to provide coordinated adult programming. Interest is there; Daniel will attend meeting with them next week as follow up.

ADULT LITERACY REPORT:

- Classes canceled a few times due to weather and SPS fire.
- Hundreds of hours of tutoring, plethora of classes.
- Exploratory meeting was held with Abington Presbyterian Church about holding educational events, perhaps at the church, focused on issues facing immigrants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Friends – Terry Biansco: Book Cellar leaks are now fixed. Pop-up Sale took place February 10. Flea market scheduled for April 26. Interested in procuring more vendors for that event. Donated \$15K on February 8.
- B. Personnel – Daniel Kaye: No updates.
- C. Development/Long-Range Planning -- Maurie Markman: Chris Christman to attend next meeting to discuss ATPL's future, including process to hire consultant to identify strengths and needs and desire for new building.
- D. Facilities – Joe Milano: No updates.

- E. Finance and Investment– Emily Cooper: According to Ralph, endowments are running as expected. Last month, they performed below benchmarks, but not to significant degrees. Plan to invite Ralph to an upcoming meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Distributed to all Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Diane will be at Town and Gown meeting next week and will ask about a program at PSU Main Campus called “Emeritus Academy” in which retired professors teach seminars on given topics. She plans to inquire about whether PSU Abington might implement a similar program. Daniel shared how Rydal Park and PSU Abington implemented a program like this, during which instructors taught unique topics to that community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Joe Milano to adjourn the Board meeting, seconded by Elaine Cassidy Shanahan. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Our next Board meeting is March 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

The next Friends meeting will take place in the Library Community Room on May 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Cassidy Shanahan
Board Secretary