

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

Date: April 24, 2023

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:02PM.

PRESENT: Joe Milano, Lauren Greaves, Emily Cooper, Nancy Wright, Liz Fitzgerald and Terry Biansco, president of the Friends of the Library were present. Two members of the public were also in attendance virtually.

PRESENTATION: N/A

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2023, was made by Joe, seconded by Emily. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- We continue to increase in small gains
- We have finally been reimbursed for costs incurred for our plumbing issues
- The library received three months' worth appropriations from the township for operating expenses because they were behind for the first quarter of the year
- A motion to approve the 2022 audit with the addition of the updated management, discussion and analysis letter, was made by Nancy, seconded by Joe. Motion passed.
- The March Treasurer's Report has been submitted and filed for audit

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Staff breakfast and pin ceremony will be May 25.
- Liz has been working on creating new copy and planning layouts for the new library website!
- Liz submitted the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to the township. There has been incredible growth since 2021 in patrons using the computers, borrowing Wi-Fi hotspots, Chromebooks, and other items from the Library of Things, and circulation of materials
- Story times in the Children's Department have resumed this month, including in Alverthorpe Park
- We have had several staff attending Library Journal courses as part of the Inclusive Practices goal of our strategic plan
- Despite installing a new pipe, we continue to face plumbing issues, and there was a leak in the Children's Department
- We need to replace the fire alarm in the elevator because it was damaged when the elevator flooded due to the broken sump pump
- We will be installing flooding alarms in various places in the library
- We will have two sump pumps replaced this week

ADULT LITERACY:

- Classes are filled up! Training new tutors, testing new students is ongoing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Friends – We had a wonderful used book and plant sale/flea market, there was a big turnout and the community enjoyed it. The free tree giveaway was overwhelming and created parking issues and raised safety concerns. It is recommended that the EAC hold the tree giveaway another day and possibly at another location. The EAC may be on the same page. The Friends brunch will be on June 10.
- B. Development/Long-Range Planning – N/A
- C. Executive – N/A
- D. Personnel – N/A
- E. Facilities – N/A
- F. Finance – Joe will now be touching base with our financial advisor on a monthly basis so we can have more timely updates and respond as necessary.

OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

- Next month we will receive information about the impacts of the library going fine free.

CORRESPONDENCE: Distributed to all board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Diane Moskal commented on the availability of information on libraries going fine free across the country. She also recommended the library as a township community center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion was made by Joe to adjourn the meeting of the board, seconded by Lauren. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Our next meeting is May 22, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Greaves

Vice President on behalf of the Secretary