

Lansdowne Library Board of Trustees

Minutes from March 21, 2023 meeting

Board photograph was taken prior to the start of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Marie C.

Attendance:

Marie C., Kymberly H., Andrea K., Ellen L., Bill P., Regina P., Kate S., Jobi Z.

Minutes:

With one small correction, Ellen made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes. Kym
2nd. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Bills paid \$ 2,458.13 (February)

81% for the collection.

\$55,492.40 Checking account

\$10,948.14 Money Market

\$150,667.16 PA Invest

\$60,817.11 Vanguard

\$278,290.75 total as of February 28, 2023

Year ending December 21, 2022

Budgeted deficit-\$14,434

Actual deficit-\$14,397

1,300 less in Aid this year.

+4,800 in library generated income.

We spent more on processing supplies.

+5,700 on books.

+3,200 for an audit (budgeted). Spent \$6,400.

10% budget spent on collections

Andrea moves to accept the Treasurer's Report. Kate 2nd. Motion passed.

Honoring Neil and Don:

Event to honor past board members Don Fry and Neil Ronk to be held Sunday, April 23 at 1 PM, with Friends reception with tea sandwiches, cookies, and juice from 1-1:30 and the awards at 1:30. A living history reenactor will play Bessie Coleman, first African-American and Native American woman to have a pilots license (1921).

Friends and borough council will be invited. Commemorative glass book from Kelly's for each, as well as long-term Friends president, Helen.

Donations will be accepted at this event.

Discussed holding an outdoor music program in June.

Library Goals

Kymerly presented the 2022/2023 Library Board goals which included color-coded visuals. Items in red were not met or completed; yellow are items that are in danger of not meeting goal; blue explains the why and measuring metrics.

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- Community Outreach: we need volunteers to assist with tutoring and to work events. Volunteers could be members of the Friends group.
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- Governance: Better board self-assessment was suggested. We need two new board members. Andrea will be rolling off board and becoming chair of
- Friends group,
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- Facility: These goals are out of the library board's control as the Borough is responsible for the building. Board needs to provide commentary
- and feedback on the Facility Vision by June. The Borough meeting on March 29 will involve discussion of new facility.
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- Fundraising: LPL Board is responsible for fundraising for programming. In the past, Friends fundraising has gone towards the summer and children's
- programs. It is unclear if the board should ask individuals to support specific projects and programs.
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- Social Media Policy: Forms are not retroactive.
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Governance Committee

Andrea has accepted the position of chair of Friends and will remain on the library governance committee. The slate of officers was presented:

Chair: Marie Vice Chair: Kymberly Treasurer: Ellen Secretary: Jobi

Jobi motioned to accept the slate. Ellen seconded the motion. There were no objections or absentions. The slate passed.

Director's Report:

Still interviewing two candidates for the children's librarian. Both candidates have masters in education. The first candidate has experience in a wide range of youth and teen programs. The second candidate has the right personality for the position and could be taught library theory

Library staff will be teaching Science in the Summer program. Without a children's librarian it is a strain on the staff. They are looking to identify 1-2 people to assist with the program.

There will be a summer reading program through Beanstalk, an online app that allows you to create challenges. The library received \$200 from the county for the kickoff. There is also the option to read down your fines. There may be a karaoke event.

DCLS:

Jobi is going to the April meeting

Other:

The book sale has been postponed until the fall.

Next Meeting:

Next Library Board meeting is April 18 at 7 PM

Board meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM for Executive Session.