

Exeter Library Association Board Meeting
Jan 9, 2023
6:30 pm – In Person

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:39 PM
 - a. Attendance: Christy Resh, Liz Stavenski-Bell, Chris Sperat, Mike Bennethum, Theresa Mowad, Mariel Jordan, Mallory Hoffman
- II. Approval of Minutes – Dec 12, 2022
 - a. Motion to accept Theresa Mowad, Second Chris Sperat, Motion carries
- III. Library Director's Report: Library returning to pre-Covid numbers. Programming has returned for 2023. Grab-n-Go Saturdays are planned once a month through April. StoryWalk will be changed soon—the first bi-lingual book for the StoryWalk. Mallory explained how the Silent Book Club works as well as numbers. Mallory reviewed that the county requires all of the libraries to participate in a system-wide initiative. The quarter one initiative is sustainability. The library has prepared bingo and a plant swap. Board games will be added to the Library of Things. Discussion was held on how to make people aware of Library of Things options.
- IV. Friends' Report: Contributions in 2022. Purchased tote bags we sold (\$372), Renewed museum annual passes (\$3550), painting of program room (\$1500), Reading Science Center passes (\$800), Replaced disc cleaner (\$7000), Intern stipend (\$750), children's circulation summer books (\$1000), children's programs (\$500), purchased 2023 book club books (\$3850). \$20946.66 was raised throughout the year.

Board Members need to remember to submit donation for the year.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Christy Resh presented the monthly treasurer's report. Still waiting on Title Source money.
- VI. Presentation of the Bills
 - a. Motion to pay the bills Theresa Mowad, Second Chris Sperat. Motion carries.
- VII. County System Update: The next meeting is February 15th. Excellence award ceremony is March 1st. RSVP by February 8th.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Advocacy: Mariel Jordan (Chair): No update
 - b. Fundraising: Theresa Mowad (Chair)
 - i. 5k and Fun Run: Expected month May or June. Possible coordination with amphitheater events.
 - c. Personnel: Liz Stavenski-Bell (Chair)
 - i. Mike and Liz will be meeting with Mallory Friday, January 13, to discuss staff roles and future plans
 - d. Property: Warren Lubenow (Chair): No updates. The township has been taking care of building needs.
 - e. Finance: Christy Resh (Chair): No update
 - f. Technology: Ibrahim Bangura (Chair): No update
 - g. Policy: Deb Franklin (Chair): No update
 - h. Search: Deb Franklin (Chair): No update
 - i. Ideas for possible new member orientation.
- IX. Strategic Plan Update – Include Budget Review (Mar): No update
- X. Unfinished Business
 - a. Establish committee assignments and chairpersons for 2023:

Property: Discussion of having Mallory chair committee. Advocacy: Attend and present key points from the library.

Suggestions for Committees for 2023

Advocacy (Chair-Mariel): Theresa
Property (Chair-Mallory): Mariel
Fundraising (Chair-Theresa) Chris
Personnel (Chair-Liz): Mike
Finance (Chair-Christy): Todd
Technology (Chair-Ibrahim): Todd
Policy (Chair-Deb?): Mike, Liz
Search (Chair-Todd):

- b. Update on 2023 Exeter BoS funding and additional summer programming: The BoS are looking to the library for additional options in the summer beyond traditional playground programs at zero cost. Also, the barn may be used for programming if needed.
 - c. Discuss proposed library mural and prospective locations: Mariel and Laura met with Mallory to discuss location and ideas. Mariel will update in February.
 - d. Verify accuracy of board member term dates below: Dates are correct.
- XI. New Business
- a. Fightin' Phils Fundraiser: Mallory will continue the fundraiser for this year.
 - b. 5K/Fun Run date selection and preliminary planning: Discussed during committee meeting.
- XII. Training Opportunities: New board member training is available for Laura.
- XIII. Board Member Comment: No comment
- XIV. Public Comment: No comment
- XV. Next Meeting: Feb 13, 2023 6:30 PM, In Person
- XVI. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Chris Sperat, Second Theresa Mowad. Meeting adjourned 7:42.