

Exeter Library Association Board Meeting  
March 13, 2023  
6:30 pm – In Person

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:32 pm.
  - a. Attendance: Ibrahim Bangura, Christy Resh, Mike Bennethum, Liz Stavenski-Bell, Todd Dierksheide, Mariel Jordan, Mallory Hoffman, Charlene Zawaski, Becky Wanamaker
  - b. Introduction of Special Guest: Becky Wanamaker, District Consultant, Reading Library District. Becky stated her enthusiasm at being able to observe and participate in the meeting.
- II. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2023
  - a. Motion to accept Todd Dierksheide, Second Christy Resh, Minutes approved
- III. Library Director's Report: Mallory shared the director's report for February. Theater at Boscovs will be utilized for the Death Cafe to view films and then participate in discussion. Library Day (May 13th) planning is in the works. Performances have been planned to showcase the new amphitheater. Christy Resh asked Mallory to discuss summer planning. Mallory stated that she has been working with the township to plan new programs: TIPS, Snapology, STEM/ Robotics Class
- IV. Friends' Report: Charlene reported that a \$3000 donation to support programming was provided to the library as well as a \$4900 donation for renewal of museum passes. In-door yard sale is at the end of March. Friends sponsored the Youth Art event. Home Depot provided a grant to the Friends, and with the grant, landscaping could be provided by the door. The board discussed a time to meet with the board, Friends, and staff. Possibly meeting day is the first Monday of the month. Month to be announced.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Christy Resh presented the treasurer's report.
- VI. Presentation of the Bills
  - a. Motion to pay the bills Todd Dierksheide, Second Mariel Jordan. Motion passes.
- VII. County System Update: Mike attended the February meeting. Final changes to the borrowing period in an attempt to make it more uniform. Draft of plan about programming remaining in the library's service area received a lot of conversation.
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Advocacy: Mariel Jordan (Chair): Mallory spoke to Betsy about coming to the April meeting to share in public comment.
  - b. Fundraising: Theresa Mowad (Chair): Please review email from Theresa about sponsors for the 5K. Todd is gathering quotes for t-shirts.
  - c. Personnel: Liz Stavenski-Bell (Chair): No update
  - d. Property: Mallory Hoffman (Chair): The door is broken again. The township is working on fixing it.
  - e. Finance: Christy Resh (Chair): No update.
  - f. Technology: Ibrahim Bangura (Chair): No update. Next meeting with the committee is March 17th at 12:30 pm.
  - g. Policy: Mike Bennethum (Chair): Employee affidavit to sign while waiting for FBI clearance was reviewed. Mike made the motion to approve the employee affidavit for FBI background check, Second, Christy Resh. Comments: Todd asked if Deb Franklin will review the document as well as check with the insurance company. Motion tabled until response from council and insurance company.
  - h. Search: Todd Dierksheide (Chair): Todd is reviewing possible individuals who might be interested in serving on the board.
- IX. Strategic Plan Update – Include Budget Review (March): Mallory has posted a preliminary survey about library resources. The board discussed suggestions for the survey changes as well as how to

- share the survey. Mallory reviewed ways in which the library is reaching out to different groups of the community.
- X. Unfinished Business
    - a. Discuss proposed library mural and prospective locations: Meeting March 21st with Miller Mike to discuss plans and costs for the project.
    - b. Choose date for Board/Friends/Staff Get-Together
    - c. Mascaro/Donor reception in thanks for ongoing support: Possible date is October 19th 5-7. Liz will reach out to Chris about ideas and planning.
    - d. 5K/Fun Run updates/planning: Discussed
  - XI. New Business:
  - XII. Training Opportunities: Becky stated there is an April 20th opportunity provided by PANO to provide training on how to have effective board meetings.
  - XIII. Board Member Comment: Ibrahim wanted to review summer programming about possible ideas beyond STEM programming. Mallory stated she is working on PSAT/ SAT prep class. Also, Mallory wants to discuss a theater camp idea with Chris.
  - XIV. Public Comment: Charlene mentioned the automobile museum opened by Mascaro in Birdsboro.
  - XV. Next Meeting: April 10, 2023, 6:30 PM, In Person
  - XVI. Motion to Adjourn Chris Resh, Second Ibrahim Bangura. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.