

Exeter Library Association Board Meeting  
Oct 10, 2022  
6:30 pm – In Person

- I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:33 PM
  - a. Attendance: Mallory Hoffman, Liz Stavenski-Bell, Theresa Mowad, Christy Resh, Deb Franklin, Todd Dierksheide, Mariel Jordan, Mike Bennethum
- II. Approval of Minutes – Sep 12, 2022
  - a. Motion to accept Theresa Mowad, Second Deb Franklin, Motion carries
- III. Library Director's Report
  - a. Jason Rekulak Event 10/11/2022 at 7:00 PM..
  - b. Mallory shared the director's report. The library had its highest September circulation since 2015. The library is busy.
  - c. Mallory will be attending the PA library conference scheduled for October.
- IV. Friends' Report
  - a. Boscov's Friends Helping friends
  - b. The Book sale is October 14th and 15th.
  - c. Wreath and Christmas sale
  - d. Spirit Week is at the end of November.
  - e. The September accessory sale was successful.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Christy Resh shared the treasurer's report.
- VI. Presentation of the Bills
  - a. Motion to pay the bills Liz Stavenski-Bell, Second Theresa Mowad, motion carries.
- VII. County System Update: No update. November is the next meeting.
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Advocacy: Mariel Jordan (Chair)
    - i. Work on creating a list of community members for support of the library.
  - b. Fundraising: Theresa Mowad (Chair)
    - i. Twin Valley Coffee fundraiser from October 17th thru November 12<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. 5k and Fun Run will start planning in Jan.
    - iii. Mini-Golf will start planning now
  - c. Personnel: Liz Stavenski-Bell (Chair)
  - d. Property: Warren Lubenow (Chair)
  - e. Finance: Christy Resh (Chair)
    - i. Audit Engagement
    - ii. Rolling CDs for Bequests Funds
  - f. Technology: Ibrahim Bangura (Chair)
    - i. Google Drive and File Sharing
  - g. Policy: Deb Franklin (Chair)

- h. Search: Deb Franklin (Chair)
    - i. Ideas for possible new member orientation.
- IX. Strategic Plan Update – Include Budget Review (Oct)
  - a. Community Engagement: Goal is to put out a survey to the community that reflects demographics of the community and library users.
  - b. Teenager users-Have reached out to the schools to increase programming and library usage. Summer teen program was held and a costume party will be held at the end of October. Attempts to engage through social media apps.
  - c. Goal to provide the community with more than just books-Story Walk, Library of Things (will be added to annual mailer), new outdoor theater.
  - d. Search for grants: Berks County Community Foundation to assist with the lighting of the new theater.
  - e. Todd discussed staffing needs. Liz and Mike have met with Mallory to discuss needs in relation to library goals. Mallory will let Todd know if the board needs to discuss elements regarding staff.
  - f. Mallory has shared a budget draft for 2023. Board discussed the review.
- X. Unfinished Business
  - a. The board member application document should be posted on the library’s website. Mallory will check to see if it has been posted.
  - b. Friends Membership: Mallory will ask Friends come in January.
  - c. Update on library amphitheater project and grant. The project should be started soon.
  - d. Update on impact of PA library state funding
  - e. Library Mural
- XI. New Business
  - a. Attempted Non-Profit Scams: Reminder about email safety.
  - b. Bank Signature Papers: Signatures completed.
  - c. Fine free proposal from County Commissioners. Signatures completed.
  - d. 2023 Officers Discussion (Oct): Possible proposals, Liz Stavenski-Bell, President, Theresa Mowad, Vice President, Mariel Jordan, Secretary, Christy Resh, Treasurer.
- XII. Training Opportunities
  - a. Fundraising Chad Virtual Workshop – October 6 at 7 pm
  - b. [Community-Led Planning for Equitable, Responsive Services](#) – Thursday September 15, 3:00
  - c. [Communication and Conflict: "Can't we all just get along?"](#) – Wednesday September 21, 2:00
  - d. [Civil Legal Issues of Natural Disasters: Libraries Can Help](#) – Thursday September 22, 3:00
  - e. BCPL Virtual Trustee Continuing Education Opportunity- October 6 @ 7 PM (Attendees?)

- XIII. Board Member Comment: No comment
- XIV. Public Comment: No comment
- XV. Next Meeting: November 14, 2022 6:30 PM, Zoom, December 12th, Zoom, January In-person.
- XVI. Adjournment Deb Franklin, Second Christy Resh, Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 PM.