

Wernersville Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 09, 2023

MISSION STATEMENT: The Wernersville Public Library inspires learning, creates community, and transforms lives with quality resources and services.

In Attendance: Kristi Brant, Sarah Evans, Greg Mazurek, Sharon Melson, Allison Plevrakis, Debbi Scull, Susan Sorrentino

The meeting was called to order by Kristi at 7:01 PM, at which time Maria was officially welcomed as the new director.

1. Public Portion: There were no guests.

2. Approval of Minutes:

There were no corrections or additions to the minutes of April 11, 2023.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sarah and seconded by Greg. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

The checking account balance at 4/30/23 was \$32k. We received Q2 state and county aid of \$19.5k in April. We still have not received any contributions from any of the 3 municipalities.

Allison delivered the audit materials to Long & Barrell on 4/13. Tracey reported that we were the first library to turn in our information. Tracey reported she is finishing up the audit planning for the library this week and has been sending some follow up emails to Allison and Leigh-Anne.

Merrill Lynch will attend our June board meeting to do our annual review. The board approved the April 2023 financial reports.

A motion to accept the report was made by Debbi, seconded by Susan. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Director's Report:

There were no questions concerning the director's report.

Maria began her employment as library director on April 24th, 2023, which was one week earlier than reported at our April meeting. She had her first staff meeting this past week, and observed a good working relationship with staff. She mentioned a new staff member will be joining the team in June on a part time basis.

5. Friends Report:

The Friends met yesterday, May 9th. Maria attended the meeting. She said there was discussion to remind everyone of their times they volunteered to work the book sale. They spoke about the chicken barbeque planned for this Friday, May 12th 1-5 PM at the Hoover lot and their May 25th fundraiser at Friendly's 5-9 PM.

They gave \$2,500 toward the summer reading program. Approximately \$700 left over will be used for the remaining programs.

Their next meeting will be in August.

6. Old Business:

- a. Updates on Townships and Borough meetings –

Greg attended the Wernersville meeting 5/3 and introduced Maria. Debbi and Susan plan to attend the Lower Heidelberg meeting 5/15 at which time they will introduce Maria. Kristi will introduce Maria at the South Heidelberg meeting on 5/23.

- b. Security cameras – Greg is currently sending an email to Dave regarding the cameras.

7. New Business:

- a. Advocacy thank you letters –

Kristi encouraged everyone to email letters to the State Representative and State Senator to advocate for support of public libraries in the FY23-2 state budget.

- b. Welcome event for Maria –

After a brief discussion, it was decided we would host a library open house on Monday, May 22nd 3-5 PM to welcome Maria as our new director.

- c. Gift cards for summer program –

Maria and Kristi will discuss what is needed and email a list to us.

8. Other:

BCPL Board Meetings –

Wednesday, May 17 – Allison Plevrakis will attend.

Since the URR is to be discussed, Allison will suggest an edit to Section #9 regarding service areas and school districts.

Wednesday, August, 16 – Debbi Scull to attend

Wednesday, November 15 – Greg Mazurek to attend

9. Adjournment:

At 8 PM a motion was made to adjourn the board meeting by Susan, seconded by Greg. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next board meeting will be June 13, 2023 at 7 PM.

Prepared and submitted by Sharon Melson