

SINKING SPRING PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES
September 20, 2021

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Sinking Spring Public Library (SSPL) was held on September 20, 2021. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Tracy Peterson, Jenny Allbee, Lisa Domeshek, Ben Robitzer, Allison Brophy, Amanda Corwin
Library Staff Present: Kim Cowell
Public: Larry Ross
SSPL Friends: None

Larry Ross introduced himself to the board. He is interested in becoming a trustee.

FRIENDS OF SSPL REPORT:

Book sale planned October 7-9

End of June balance \$4,790.81

The Friends are sponsoring passive programming such as I Spy and A Library of Things. They are also sponsoring home décor kit for each season. They can be checked out for a period of two weeks.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Reviewed minutes without any changes

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REVIEW OF TREASURERS REPORT:

Finances are looking good compared to last year at this time. Passports are up 100% compared to this time last year.

Ms. Domeshek asked about the damaged/lost books line item. We collected the money which goes to the owning library of the damaged books.

Mr. Robitzer made a motion seconded by Ms.Allbee for Ms Cowell to reach out for board approval to make purchases over \$500. Ms. Allbee asked if this is for general purchases? Ms. Peterson said this would be for anything out of the ordinary. All voted yes.

PROGRESS AND SERVICE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR:

Christine has received permission from the borough to have the Halloween egg hunt October 16 @ 10am.

The library received 16 free books from the state on library management. The library is not required to lend them out and can be kept as reference. The library will receive \$500 in free children's books from the office of commonwealth libraries through The Family Engagement Project.

Emily's first day was September 14th.

Mr. Robitzer made a motion seconded by Ms. Domeshek to approve new phone system. All voted in approval to go forward with it.

The library earned a bronze star with PA Forward. Starting to work on getting silver star status.

The library received a \$50 donation from one of our patrons also a \$300 donation from a husband whose wife was a member of the Friends but has passed.

Ms. Cowell is working on Library Lovers month which is February and would like to work together with local businesses to see if they can get discounts if they show their library card.

Ms. Cowell would like to become partners with Pennsylvania Library Association to help connect with other libraries in the state. All trustees gave approval for her to go forward with the partnership.

OLD AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Robitzer made a motion seconded by Ms. Corwin to vote on reimbursing a new employee for their clearances after working with the library for a period of 90 days. All voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

SSPL trustees will start to meet once a quarter in person next year. The remainder of this years meetings will be held through Zoom.

LIBRARY SYSTEMS MEETING REPORT:

New funding formula was approved. SSPL will see a decrease in funding from the state and county but saw an increase of 6% from previous year.

Mr. Robitzer will attend the meeting in November. Meetings are still being held virtually.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:34pm

NEXT MEETING OF SSPL: October 18, 2021 @ 7pm

NEXT SYSTEMS MEETING: November 17, 2021