



May 17, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library commenced virtually at 4:30 PM using ZOOM, an online meeting platform, Dennis Skayhan, Vice President, presiding.

Present: Dennis Skayhan, Alba Fernandez, Renee Dietrich, Zelda Yoder, Scott Lindsey, Paul Hoh, Sherry Cameron, Felix Pena, Keith Mooney, Nancy Campbell, Jennifer Bressler, Vicky Fuller, and Linda Capozello.

Absent: Bronwen Gamble, Stephanie Williams, Alan Carman, Michel Micozzi and Ramona Turner Turpin.

Guests: Marissa Guidara, Jesse Royer, Amy Resh

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the April minutes was made by Keith Mooney, seconded by Chris Phillips. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Motion to accept the April Treasurer's report was made by Renee Dietrich and seconded by Scott Lindsey. Accepted.

Director's Report: Jennifer Bressler reported on behalf of Bronwen Gamble. She highlighted the Summer@RPL has a full slate of performances. Mostly virtual but working towards having some in person. The United Way Ready Set Read grant for \$5000 was accepted for our Summer Steam programs. We are moving forward with the Olivets for Outreach opportunities this summer. Rosalin is continuing to do programs with the Reading Recreation Commission.

Library Services: No Report.

Facilities: On behalf of Michel Micozzi, Vicky Fuller mentioned that the SE meeting room permits had been applied for and it typically takes 30 days. Michel expects the project to start in July and end sometime in September. The contracts have been mailed to all sub-contractors. The fire suppression upgrade at the Main library has begun and the crew has been working diligently since the beginning of May. The LED light install is on hold while we wait on additional supply shipments but the projects is close to 90% complete.

Finance: No Report

Personnel: Renee Dietrich reported that the Executive Director Search Committee has posted the job on several websites to include ALA, PaLa, Berks County, the City of Reading as well as our own for RPL. To date the committee has only received one resume. Dennis Skayhan inquired about the additional 3 resumes that Vicky Fuller showed as being forwarded to Jim Shankweiler. Jennifer Bressler said that she had previously forwarded them. Vicky Fuller offered to have IT locate them on the mail server and resubmit them to the Committee.

Advancement: Nancy Campbell reported that the Fine Free pilot program is set to start in June. Summer Reading solicitation letters are going out this week. Celebrity Bartender will be September 5th and has 4 bartenders committed for the event. The Cocktails and Classics committee met and sponsorships are available. Solicitation letters were mailed with personal notes. The event will be held on Friday, October 1st at the Doubletree in Reading. Linda Capozello mentioned that she has been in touch with the PA Humanities Council and there is a possibility that more grant funds could be available to use this summer.

Strategic Planning: Paul Hoh mentioned that the staff is working diligently to bring forth a plan that the committee can then review. He expects to have a meeting in the next two weeks. Jennifer Bressler mentioned that staff met last week and it has been eye opening how the process has developed over the last few months. Linda Capozello mentioned that Bronwen sent her an email stating that BCCF grant of \$3000 for the Strategic Planning professional has been approved.

Unfinished Business: No additional updates regarding Membership Agreement

New Business: None

Zelda's Trivia. What does the Japanese word Tsundoku mean? Acquiring reading materials but letting them pile up in one's home without reading them.

Motion to adjourn by Keith Mooney, seconded by Nancy Campbell.

Respectfully submitted as drafted by Vicky Fuller.



Sherry Cameron,
Board Secretary