



February 27, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library commenced at 4:30 PM, Alan Carman, President, presiding.

Present: Alan Carman, Chris Phillips, Renee Dietrich, Michel Micozzi, Ramona Turner-Turpin, Felix Pena, Salvadore Sepulveda, Julia Becker, Melissa Adams, Becky Wanamaker, Marissa Guidara, Linda Capozello and Vicky Fuller.

Absent: Sherry Cameron, Keith Mooney, Nancy Campbell and Zelda Yoder. Excused.

Guests: None

Public Comment: None

Kimberly Servello gave a presentation on the new library website. The website was revised due to the Word Press platform not being supported.

Minutes: Motion to approve the January 2023 minutes was made by Salvadore Sepulveda and seconded by Chris Phillips. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Chris Phillips discussed receipt of Tigh fund distribution and State Aid. The building improvement expenses are for the maker space which is using Celebrity Bartender funds from 2022. We recorded gains on our investments and hope they continue on an upward trend. Motion to accept the January 2023 Treasurer's Report was made by Renee Dietrich and seconded by Julia Becker. Accepted.

Director's Report: Melissa Adams reported that City Council is scheduled to vote tonite on the ARPA funding for Digital Telemedicine project that was requested in 2021. Berks County Public Libraries voted to reduce the Administrative Fee from \$5.00 to \$2.50. We are accepting applications and interviewing for several positions. Our Archival Intern starts in two weeks. We received additional documentation regarding the disillusion of the John L Snyder Trust. Eventually we should receive about \$37,447.94 to be used for the acquisition and preservation of science and language materials.

Becky Wanamaker provided her report prior to the meeting. District staff as well as other library and system staff are working through the process of organizing and negotiating plans for the 23/24 year based on needs relating to position changes and possible ILS changes. Meetings and communication will happen throughout March before a tentative budget for the annual contract/agreement is submitted in April for the district-wide DNA Committee. Novelist is an online database tool that we were able to add for all libraries as a result of surplus district funding. It is a reader advisory tool that provides book recommendations as well as tracking individual reading progress.

Marissa Guidara reported the PA One Book program, which is an Office of Commonwealth Libraries initiative done in collaboration with the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has announced the book, "Mel Fell" by Corey Tabor as this year's title. All of the libraries and early learning centers across the state are encouraged to read this book in April. The District Library Center has purchased 20 copies for each locations that can be used as giveaways. Libraries are also asked by the Department of Education to host a STEAM program to foster awareness of community learning. We will be providing materials from its TEA Box initiative, which will include solar robotic bugs, paper circuits and sun print paper for all library locations to support their participation.

Library Services: No Report

Facilities: Michel Micozzi reported that the Northeast meeting room is almost completed. On Friday, the technology will be connected and furniture delivery is scheduled for mid-March.

Finance. No Report.

Personnel: No Report.

Strategic Planning: Felix Pena is working on setting timelines and new goals for the next strategic plan. A meeting will be scheduled next month.

Advancement: Renee Dietrich reported that we have received \$36k to date. The PAGES Annual Report is set to be mailed. The committee is exploring new initiatives on planned giving. Frances Aitken from BCCF will be discussing planned and estate giving and will assist in setting this up. The BCPL System Awards will be Wednesday evening at the Agriculture Center at 6:30 PM. Linda Capozello will be awarded Outstanding Library Staff Member and Vicky Fuller along with Nancy Maurer will be accepting the Chet Hagen award for RPL.

Linda Capozello reported Celebrity Bartender event will be held at Saucony Creek Franklin Station on May 18 from 5:30-8:00 PM. We currently have three bartenders and could use two more. The 275th Anniversary of the City of Reading will be celebrated throughout the month of March. Cake will be provided at each library location on the 16th and a photographer will be taking photos for a mural.

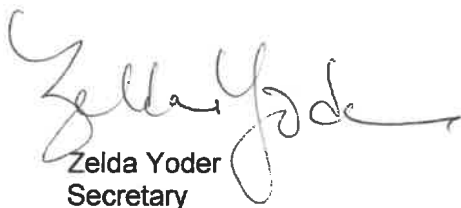
Unfinished Business: None

New Business: For the John Snyder Trust a resolution is required by Wells Fargo stating that Melissa Adams can act as the authorized entity representative.

Motion by Chris Phillips to accept a Resolution authorizing Melissa Adams to act as an Authorized Entity Representative to take such action and execute such documents on behalf of the Reading Public Library with respect to its agreement with Wells Fargo. Seconded by Salvadore Sepulveda. Accepted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Julia Becker, seconded by Salvadore Sepulveda. Approved.

Respectfully submitted as drafted by Vicky Fuller,


Zelda Yoder
Secretary