



June 17, 2024

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

**Present:** Nancy Campbell, Renee Dietrich, Michel Micozzi, Kaitlin Daley, Felix Pena, Zelda Yoder, Anthony Orozco, Keith Mooney, Sherry Cameron, Jerry Richter, Alan Carman, Chris Phillips, Warren Weik, Melissa Adams and Vicky Fuller.

**Absent:** Salvadore Sepulveda and Julia Becker. Excused.

**Guests:** Marissa Guidara, Becky Wanamaker, Carolyn Spano, Stephanie Williams from BCPL and Nick Bieber from Herbein + Co.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the May 2024 Minutes was made by Zelda Yoder and seconded by Keith Mooney. Approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Alan reviewed the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept the May 2024 Treasurer's Report was made by Kaitlin Daley and seconded by Chris Phillips. Accepted.

**Director's Report:** Melissa Adams reported that we unveiled the Pride library Card Artwork contest at the event on June 1. The new library cards are available at all locations until supplies run out. Patrons may exchange cards for free, or new registering patrons can choose between the new card or the original one. Summer @RPL kicked off this past Saturday, June 15 with a carnival at the Main library and a Forgotten Friends Reptile Show at the branches on June 17. The PALA Best Practices Committee awarded our Foraging Field trip at the Reading Museum an Honorable mention for the Family and Intergenerational category. Staff who conducted the program are being encouraged to attend the PALA Conference this year to present the program to attendees.

Marissa Guidara highlighted the start of Pages for Pets. All libraries work together reading to acquire 500,000 minutes to sponsor a pet adoption.

Becky Wanamaker stated that the District Negotiation Agreement went through a vigorous process and was voted on at the end of May. The new District fiscal year begins July 1.

**Library Services:** No report. Committee will meet over the summer.

**Facilities:** Michel Micozzi reported that a cost analysis was prepared for the training room and given to Melissa to apply for the Orphans of Oddfellows grant. Berks Ortho removed several cubicles and donated them to RPL. The committee will meet in a few weeks to plan how to use these in the library.

**Finance:** The committee met prior to the board meeting. Chris Phillips introduced Nick Bieber from Herbein + Co. A draft of the 2023 audit was provided prior to the board meeting. Nick Bieber stated that reviewed opinion was unmodified and the highest level issued. He reviewed the audit as compared to prior year 2022. There were no significant variances to report. Salaries make up 64% of the budget. Chris Phillips motioned to accept the 2023 audit, seconded by Alan Carman. Accepted.

**Personnel:** No report. Item to be addressed in Executive Session.

**Strategic Planning:** No report.

**Advancement:** Renee Dietrich reported on the success of the Cultivation event. Plans are moving forward for Cocktails and Classics in September. If you know of any potential donations or sponsors, please refer them to Carolyn Spano. Carolyn reported the increase in Facebook activity as well as more content on the platform. The Summer Reading mailer for donations has been sent. The committee is currently working on a campaign to raise funds for endowments as well as increasing funds for EITC.

**Unfinished Business:** Kaitlin Daley reported that that the final edits were made on the RFP for a new attorney and it will be sent out soon.

**New Business:** None

**Zelda's Trivia Question:** The Library of Congress is the largest library in the United States. What happens from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM every Thursday?

**Answer:** They have Happy Hour Thursday that includes special events, as well as beverages and snacks for sale. You do need a time of entry pass but they are free.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 5:04 by Keith Mooney and seconded by Alan Carman. Approved.

Motion to exit Executive Session and also adjourn the meeting was made by Keith Mooney and seconded by Alan Carman. Approved.

Respectfully submitted as drafted by Vicky Fuller,



Kaitlin Daley  
Secretary