



June 16, 2025

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

**Present:** Alan Carman, Kaitlin Daley, Michel Micozzi, Jerry Richter, Sherry Cameron, Anthony Orozco, Julia Becker, Chris Phillips, Felix Pena, Arielle Phillips-Law, Julia Becker, Keith Mooney, Rick Perez, Warren Weik, Salvador Sepulveda, Melissa Adams and Vicky Fuller.

**Absent:** Leo Hanley, Excused

**Guests:** Nick Bieber, Becky Wanamaker, Marissa Guidara and Carolyn Spano.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the May minutes was made by Salvador Sepulveda and seconded by Keith Mooney. Approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Chris Phillips reviewed the Treasurer's Report and mentioned that we were expecting the Tigh Distribution later this month. Motion to accept the May Treasurer's report was made by Warren Weik and seconded Rick Perez. Accepted.

**Director's Report:** Melissa reported that we have filled the temporary library assistant position to help with coverage over the summer while another staff member is on a leave of absence. Summer@RPL kicked off on Saturday. There are many amazing events happening over the summer to include Kookoo the Cartoon Magician, Awesome Owls program and field trips to Nolde Forrest and Berks Nature. There is a phone conference with the attorneys on Wednesday to discuss the Law Library.

Marissa Guidara reported for District Youth Services will again collaborate with the Animal Rescue League to help get a pet adopted. Sponsorship is based on the total number of minutes read by patrons in Berks County libraries.

**Library Services:** No Report.

**Facilities:** Michel Micozzi stated that there is a meeting tomorrow to make the final finish selection on the cabinets and we plan to start the project mid-August after Summer Reading and complete it by August 31.

**Finance:** Nick Beiber from Herbein + Co was present to review the 2024 audit. We received the highest level given for the audit with only minimal adjustment reported. He mentioned the 2023 funds for the District being delayed and posted in 2024 as well as the increase of city funding, grants and the timing of the Cameron Shrier grant posting in January as well as the Helen Roberts estate. He discussed reasons for the increase year over year. Expenses were consistent with previous years with a reduction in Building Maintenance due to cancellation of the cleaning contract and addition of a custodial position.

Chris Phillips stated that once the Finance Committee has reviewed the audit they will make a recommendation to the board to accept the audit. This will be done by a roll-call vote since we do not meet in July or August.

**Personnel:** No Report

**Strategic Planning:** Julia Becker reported the Board retreat is scheduled on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Upland Building on the Alvernia campus.

**Advancement:** Carolyn Spano reported that Alison was working with Facebook ads and trying different social media tactics. The *PAGES* newsletter went out in March and the next one is scheduled for August. The library's in-house newsletter the *EXPRESS* will be moving to Advancement in the new year. Sponsors for Cocktails and Classics are coming in as we close out Celebrity Bartender that raised over \$20,000. Our campaign for Summer Learning Loss has received over 10,000 to date. We are in the process of selecting a chairman for our Annual Appeal.

**Unfinished Business:** We are still in negotiations concerning the Law Library.

**New Business:** None

Trivia Question by Sal. What is the most expensive book ever sold?

Answer: Codex Leicester for 30.80 million in 1994. With an inflation adjustment for today, that amount would be 63.3 million. This was a 72-page manuscript by Leonardo da Vinci. The book features over 300 illustrations and diary entries detailing his scientific observations and theories.

Motion to adjourn was made by Anthony Orozco and seconded by Felix Pena. Approved.

Respectfully submitted as drafted by Vicky Fuller,



Michel Micozzi  
Secretary