

Abington Public Library
Board of Library Trustees

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024

Called to Order 7:00pm

Attendees: Henry DiCarlo, Chair

Gail Bergin, Vice Chair

Carrie Murray, Secretary

Laura Brink

Sue Crowley

Barbara McLaughlin

Jake O'Neill

Deborah Grimmett, Library Director

Absent: Gerry Haas, Mary Gillis

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2024 were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION to approve the May 13, 2024 minutes was made by Jake, seconded by Gail and accepted unanimously with Sue abstaining.

Chairman's Report

- Abington Celebrates was a success this past weekend.

Library Director's Report

- Monthly Financial and Statistical Reports: We are doing fine. We have been doing well on the book budget and are in decent shape. May circulation stats were good. Digital stats have increased.
- Friends Update: The group is on summer hiatus. Their next meeting is September 16th, the Fall Book Sale is October 19th. Their current balance is \$19,797.38.
- OCLN Update: Things are good. We have a draft Strategic Plan.
- Programming Update: Adult programming is winding down. Cookbook club will have their tea at the end of June. The Craft club will continue to meet over the summer. In July they will be Quilling. More fun meetings planned in the future! Kids programming has continued to be full.

Building Issues

- Roof: We continue to wait to hear back from the shingle manufacturer and contractor. We will continue to follow the emails.
The leaking from the roof seems to have stopped based on work by MDM (the contractor) on April 13.
- Electrical Work: Pioneer Electric Company has closed. We are searching for a new electrician. The emergency light in the men's room has burned out. We have a few things that need to be looked at soon.
- Town Hall Generator Install: The power will be shut down at the Town Hall on June 21st to complete the install.

Current Library Issues

- Civic Hub LSTA Grant Update: The grant is going well. We have met with the consultant. The state has accepted the program, Stories with Origami. We need to buy multi-cultural books and e-books. We hope to have it all spent by September 1st.
- Summer Reading Program: National Theme of Read, Renew, Repeat. Lots of swag. Kickoff Thursday June 20th 1-3pm. Lots of great programs are on the summer calendar.
- FY2025 Budget: The budget starts July 1st.
- Town Wage and Classification Study: We are waiting to hear about any updates.

Old Business

- Summer Story Walk: The Story Walk is up. We are doing a drawing for a copy of the book. The book is "Seeds of Change" by Nina Laden. This book will change in July and another book in the 3rd week of August.
- FY24 Closing: No issues.
- Trust Fund Follow-Up: We are working on finding the missing interest from the 2 months in 2024.

New Business

- **TAB Overnight Request:** We received a request for a TAB Overnight on August 2nd-August 3rd. The Trustees agreed.

MOTION to approve the TAB overnight was made by Gail, seconded by Sue and accepted unanimously.

- **Hoopla Discussion:** Hoopla is a heavily used resource. We are continuing to invest in Hoopla. We reviewed the patron borrowing reports.
- **FY25 Reference Librarian Hours:** Beginning July 1st Rob will be working 31 hours/week.
- **Internet/Computer Use Policy:** Reviewed the updated policy.

MOTION to approve the Internet/Computer Use Policy was made by Laura, seconded by Barbara and accepted unanimously.

- **Other:** We are getting a movie license again to see how that goes for our patrons.

Next Meetings: July 8th at 7:00pm, September 9th at 7:00pm.

Motion to recess at 8:12pm was made by Carrie, seconded by Jake and accepted unanimously.