



Free Library of Northampton Township

Library Board Meeting

May 11, 2023

Board Members Present: Chip Heim (President), Janet Braker (Vice President), Charlene DiSarlo (Treasurer), Michael May (Secretary), Eleanora Rosso, Charles Beem, and Jessica Freundel

Staff Present: Wayne Lahr (Library Director)

Citizens Present:

Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

Approval of April 2023 Minutes

The Board approved the April 2023 Meeting Minutes unanimously.

Library Director's Report

- "The Fabelmans" movie, shown in the Community Room, was attended by 84 patrons
- Kristi Chase started as the new Reference Librarian and Archives Custodian
- Marie Dennis has also started as the new Part-Time Reference Librarian
- Currently interviewing for part-time library clerk position
- Richboro Coffee terminated relationship with the library due to lack of sales
- The library's distributor of magazine and newspapers reduced their delivery; thus majority of the daily newspaper deliveries will be arriving via US Postal Service mail
- Facebook and Instagram updates occurring almost daily, including a Friday Funnies post
- Annual Appeal letter will be distributed this summer
- The Board minutes will be kept in an official Minutes book to ensure a township-appointed Board is compliant with state law
- The 2023 Summer Quest calendar of events was presented. There will be 76 programs over eight weeks including (6) large family events – Eyes of the Wild, Summer Glow Party, Magician Ran'D Shine, Da Vinci Science Center, Talewise, and the NJ Snake Man; also (20) story-focused programs, kids' drop-in computer lab coding puzzles, kids' art labs, kids' chess club, reading to the dogs, LEGO Builders, (11) kids' book clubs, and 3 family movies.

Strategic Plan Status

- The annual appeal will be focus on the new Strategic Plan and include personal library users' stories.
- Ms. Braker will be writing the introduction letter for the Strategic Plan
- The Director will be receiving assistance from the Board to finalize the Strategic Plan writing

- The next strategic planning meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2023, instead of Thursday June 1, 2023

Friends of the Library Report

- April 19, 2023 was the last Friends of the Library meeting
- The Board Elections was held via e-mail and forty-four members voted in the election
- \$800 was earned in used book sales in March

Library E-resources of the Month

- The Director presented the Board the following E-resources: 1) LinkedIn Learning and 2) PA Power Library

Public Comment

None

For the Good of the Order / Miscellaneous

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael May, Secretary

Date