

Mt. Lebanon Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

Present: Holiday Adair, Kristen Baginski, Susan Clark (Library Friends), Anthony Moretti, Monica Ruane, Bob Taylor, Robyn Vittek (Library Director).

Correction made to the July 2024 Statistical Report (e-resources YTD 2023 entry should be: \$91,308, making the % change entry: +20%)

Approval of Consent Agenda Items: moved by Anthony Moretti, seconded by Kristen Baginski – unanimous approval.

Comments from Observers: None.

Comments from Friends of the Library:

- Fall Mum Plant Sale: netted \$2356.00 ran from 10-1:30 sold out, 160 volunteers special shout out to the Teen Librarian Katie and her teen volunteers
- Susan Clark will represent Friends of the Library at PaLA conference and table with the PA Citizens for Better Libraries
- Kristin Hannah, author of *The Women*, will be featured on the Veterans Breakfast Club zoom 9/23/24 at 7 pm: <https://veteransbreakfastclub.org/event/kristin-hannah-author-of-the-women/>

Guest: Amy Anderson (Allegheny County Library Association CEO):

- RAD Public Hearing to review budget requests and yearly plans is a Q/A format OCTOBER 15 at 3 pm at the Koppers Building <https://www.radworkshere.org/pages/public-hearings>
- Please register to make public comments or submit them (Info@RADworkshere.org) - showing support for libraries helps a lot
- Major issue is open hours with RAD pushing for evenings and Sundays – many libraries cannot support staff for expansion of hours
- ACLA asked for a 5% increase, will expect less. Formula was frozen from last year, but 2026 will have a new formula
- Grateful to RAD for the county-wide PC refresh
- Ongoing issue is staff pay and benefits – cannot reach an appropriate level to attract and maintain staff
- Community Mapping underway – assessing the demographic makeup of libraries catchment areas to provide for ALL community members
- Awarded 290,000\$ from the Senate and House Democrats to place book vending machines at Allegheny County Jail and Children's Hospital family areas, tokens give kids books about similar experiences and information on getting a library card, library locations. etc.

Comments from Commission Liaison: in Govenda

- Consultant proposals are being considered for all access transportation in collaboration with Dormont
- Fire Chief Nicholas Sohyda retired, Sean Daniels is Acting Chief
- School District Field and Recreation Center are collaborating on use issues
- Main Park and Rec Study is underway
- Civic Engagement Board is exploring the Welcoming Community program
- Budget time soon – end of September public opinion will be gathered about priorities

President's Report: None.

Director's Report:

- Working on Summer Reading numbers
- September is *Love Your Library* month, surpassed initial goal of \$15,000 so new goal for fund-raising is \$20,000 (thanks to Jack Boucher Foundation that will match up every donation to 500\$ every kind of donation counts (Friends membership, Book Cellar purchase, etc.)
- September is also Library Card month – lots of perks attached to it (free or reduced tickets at RADPASS.org)
- Hosting Flu Shot Clinics

Committee Reports

Fund-Raising

- 2025 Garden Tour first date is JUNE 22 (back-up date JUNE 29)
- Midsummer Festival 2025 will be at the same time as Summer Reading Kick-off

Governance

- Strategic Plan Update: current plan is on library website (and in packet) **bring ideas of Board goals to NOV Board meeting.**

Old Business:

- Space Planning Project: met with Draw Collective to discuss big picture ideas about: entrance to Children's library and Courtyard (like location, want to make more visible), keep the study rooms, update restrooms and make more ADA accessible, increase "flow" of library – reference and circulation and children's desks visibility, accessibility. Improve sightlines of the children's areas
- Friends offered funding, may be able to apply for Keystone grant for restroom renovation

New Business:

- 2024 Budget Information to the Commission - approved via email by Board (asked for level 4 usually get level 3) asked for additional 17,653\$ to cover e-resources (increased in cost)
- Municipal budget looks healthy

Meeting ended at: 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Holiday Adair, Secretary Mt. Lebanon Library Board of Trustees