Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes November 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Robinson at 6:30 p.m. Board members attending: Lynn Robinson, Catherine Jabusch, Carl Meixsell, Angie Mambu, Carolyn Kushner, Carol Overvold, and Maureen Reichl. Library Director Regina Vesely attended.

Regina Vesely's Report

- The most recent proceeds from the sale of café books are \$1000.50.
- There will not be an increase in book prices in the immediate future.
- The museum pass for the Please Touch Museum was processed and is in circulation.
- The museum pass for the Mutter Museum has not yet been received; the check was cashed.
- The library newsletter for December will publicize the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble Holiday Program at 1 p.m., Saturday, December 14 at the library.
- The Laugh Factory Improv program is tentative for a week night, probably a Tuesday, in March.
- The anniversary event celebrating the 20th year of the library was successful. The daytime event for children was well received. The presenter, Lolly Hopwood, did a full hour. A total of 122 children and adults attended. The evening session welcomed 216 guests. The performances by the high school jazz band and the choir were entertaining and appreciated. A library staff member, Ellyn Benner, received recognition for 20 years of service; she was a member of the first staff.
- The chrysanthemums and fall florals were donated by Kohler Farms. Kohler Farms also donated gift cards.

Minutes

Jean Marie Bliss made a motion to approve the October Board Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Carl Meixsell, and approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report - Catherine Jabusch

- Reminder The Treasurer's reports for October 2024 are uploaded to our Google Drive Treasurer's folder. Hard copies of the Statement of Activity, January – October and the Statement of Financial Position as of October 2024 were distributed. The line item, Book Sales, includes proceeds from online sales, café sales, and the special book sales held periodically.
- Catherine Jabusch questioned whether we need a license to hold raffles. She will research this.
- The statement for the Board Members Insurance has been received.
- A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Maureen Reichl, seconded by Lynn Robinson, and approved by all board members present.

Investment Committee – Catherine Jabusch

A meeting was held. A good edit to the committee guidelines was accomplished. When this draft is final, it will be presented to the Board for review. Ongoing: opening a secure account and setting up funds.

Membership - Carolyn Kushner

The campaign for membership renewal starts in the third week of November.

Marketing – Carolyn Kushner

- We are encouraging donations of books for the book sale.
- Signs for the book sale are done.
- The Marketing committee will help distribute the outdoor signs for the book sale.
- New bookmarks are ready and will be at the book sale cashier's table. Social media information appears on the back.
- In progress, planning for a quarterly newsletter for Friends' members and volunteers.
- Next meeting of the committee is December 4.
- Marketing for the Handbell program on December 14 will include the Horsham Patch, Around Ambler, Peach Jar, and Horsham Business Association.

November Book Sale

- Set-up Wednesday, November 20,
- Poinsettias picked up November 20.
- Sign-up Genius will be sent out again.
- Red bag book sale will be considered.
- No new prices on books.
- Use a tally sheet to note separate proceeds from jewelry, books, and plants.

Upcoming

The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble Holiday Concert – December 14 at 1 p.m.

Horsham Connected Fair

- Horsham Connected Fair; suggestion that we do a table. We need a point person.
- January 25, 2025 at the Community Center.

Under Consideration

- Children's Authors Expo
- An author visit/presentation.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was limited to 50 minutes due to the scheduling of the annual membership meeting following at 7:30 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn Kushner, seconded by Lynn Robinson, and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Reichl, Recording Secretary