

## **Friends of the Horsham Library Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Robinson at 7 p.m. Board members attending: Lynn Robinson, Catherine Jabusch, Carl Meixsell, Carolyn Kushner, Carol Overvold, Angie Mambu, and Maureen Reichl. Member/Volunteer Barbara Shaffer also attended. Library Director Regina Vesely was present.

### **Regina Vesely's Report**

- The proceeds from the sale of café books are \$1206.25 (November) and \$1354.50 (December). A check for the total \$2634.75 is in process. An additional \$75 was realized from poinsettia sales.
- The 2 passes for the Elmwood Park Zoo are up for renewal. The next renewals for some of the other passes are in April. A chart showing 2024 circulation and also lifetime circulation was presented.
- The Past Perfect data base annual renewal is \$475.
- An April 1 date is available for an Improv program in the evening. Funding was part of Summer 2024 Reading and was already approved by the Friends.
- There is very positive feedback on the Handbells concert. There was a large crowd, and it was very successful.
- Potential dates for a book sale: April 16-21, April 24-28 (23 not available), May 7-12, May 21-27, June 4-9, September 17-22, and November 12-17, and December 17-22. It may be possible to include April 23 if a scheduled table tennis tournament can be moved to a different date. Some of these dates have conflicts such as Horsham Day and religious holidays. April 24-28 is a preferred date, especially if we can get availability for April 23.
- Bryan Sotnyk will attend the February board meeting and present the budget request for Summer Reading.
- Past Perfect will be featured in the library newsletter for February.
- Upcoming: National Library Week, April 6-12; Easter Egg Hunt, April 12; National Volunteer Week, April 20-26.
- The library is planning an author event in the spring.

### **Minutes**

Carol Overvold made a motion to approve the December Board Meeting Minutes. It was seconded by Catherine Jabusch and approved by all present.

### **Treasurer's Report – Catherine Jabusch**

- Donation Jar proceeds from the Handbells concert are \$255.
- Emails from Pay Pal regarding legal agreements were received. There is clarifying language in the agreements, mostly for the state of California.
- The Pay Pal change in fees has no impact on us; same for the Pay Pal Giving Fund.
- Final thank-you acknowledgements for donations received in December 2024 are in process.
- Tax forms are due to PCBL by March 1.
- PCBL (PA Citizens for Better Libraries) membership increased by \$25 to \$150.

- A friendly reminder when planning upcoming events; please allow adequate time when requesting a cash box or check request.
- No information yet regarding a raffles license.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Lynn Robinson, seconded by Carolyn Kushner, and approved by all board members present.

#### **Investment Committee – Catherine Jabusch**

A meeting of the investment committee will be scheduled.

#### **Leaders on Board – Catherine Jabusch**

- Presented by the Chamber of Commerce of Montgomery County. Eighty non-profits are in the Chamber.
- This was a six-week course hosted via Zoom by a live instructor. Catherine registered as a student for the course.
- The first session was a summary/review of Board Member Guidelines and Ethics.
- The Friends are a working board; some are delegating boards.
- Topics also included: legal responsibilities and conflicts of interest.

#### **Membership – Carolyn Kushner**

- Emails and follow-ups regarding membership and renewals are in process.
- Twenty-eight are paid to date.
- 15 are not paid.

#### **Marketing – Carolyn Kushner**

- Need to schedule a meeting.
- Projects are continuing.
- Social media posts are successful and were positively received.
- Submissions of favorite books of the year were appreciated and popular.
- We had a strong finish to the year with our end of the year posts.

#### **Book Sale Discussion**

The dates we selected for our 3 book sales in 2025 are: April 24-28 (we may be able to use the room on April 23 as well), September 17-22, and November 12-17. A motion to accept these dates was made by Angie Mambu, seconded by Lynn Robinson, and approved by all members present.

#### **Feedback from Handbells**

Standing room only! This was a definite success.

#### **Events**

Horsham Connected Fair: we are not yet aware of any plans.

## **OHAAT**

January 21 is the tentative date for OHAAT to do a pick-up of our donated books at the library. Details to be confirmed.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Event**

- Should we have a social event to thank our volunteers?
- Which volunteers would be invited?
- At the library or off-site?
- May 3 as a possible date?

No action taken; tabled for future discussion.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, February 12 at 7 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carol Overvold, seconded by Lynn Robinson, and approved by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Reichl, Recording Secretary