

Subject: Minutes from the UDPLB Meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Attendance: Library Director Cheri Fiory, President Janine Buesgen, Treasurer Wendy Rader, Secretary Alicia Fortunato and Members Suanne Strauss, Barbara Wasserman, Cathy Murphy and Andrea Merrick (via teleconference) were present. Two UDPL Interns, Brian Hamilton (Kent State) and Rachel Smith (University of Illinois) were present. Member of the public, Jen Matsuura, was also in attendance.

President Buesgen called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Consent Agenda Items:

There being no objection, the Board moved, seconded and approved the following items:

- (a) Minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting**
- (b) Financial Reports for May and June 2017**
- (c) Librarian's Report for June and July 2017**

There was no public comment.

Discussion items:

a) Introduction of Interns –

1. Brian and Rachel have been conducting research for Director Fiory on the UDPL building/space.

b) Friends Update –

1. Working on the Fall mailing – assessing cost and to whom the mailing should be sent
2. 3rd Annual Craft Show – to be held on 8/26/17. There will be 46 vendors this year. Audi of Willow Grove and John Griger Family Dentistry signed on as sponsors.
3. Friends “Thank You” Event – Beer Tasting – 99 Friends of the UDPL were in attendance.
4. Audit of the Friends of the UDPL financial statements will be conducted by Jonathan Bleemer, Upper Dublin Township (UDT) Director Finance.
5. Drawing for the wooden chairs donated by Upper Dublin Township – winner was Zoe Hunter. The raffle raised \$224.

c) Strategic Plan Update –

1. Collaboration with Upper Dublin School District (UDSD)
 - a. Currently, collaboration between the UDPL and UDSD is very piecemeal.
 - b. Director Fiory would like to replicate the “A+ Partners in Education” program that is in progress in Howard County, MD.
 - c. Director Fiory had an initial conversation with Dr. Deborah Wheeler, UDSD Superintendent, and Dr. Wheeler was very interesting in pursuing the A+ Partners program. Director Fiory will be setting up a more formal meeting with UDSD to discuss in the August – October timeframe.
 - d. Director Fiory is also investigating the viability of a similar collaboration with private schools within UDT.
2. Potential purchase of property at 520 Virginia Drive for use by the UDPL as its new facility.
 - a. Purchase is still “on the table.”
 - b. Negotiations are continuing with the UDT Commissioners.

- c. Director Fiory is actively working with architects and engineers to draft a potential configuration of the space, and UDT is investigating future operating costs of the space.
- d. Potential for the facility to also be used by UDT Parks & Recreation. Additional potential for facility to be used by non-profit organizations such as MCLINC and HeadStart, as well as local merchants such as George's of Dreshertown. Director Fiory stated that the facility must be used by entities that will work well with the UDPL.
- e. Member Merrick raised a concern regarding the use of the UDPL by Upper Dublin High School (UDHS) students once the facility moves from its current location, which is across the street from UDHS. Director Fiory stated that she estimates that 35 UDHS students use the UDPL each day after school. The Board discussed how the students might travel from UDHS to the new UDPL facility, and Director Fiory stated that she would have discussions with Dr. Wheeler regarding this topic.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

The next Library Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Alicia Fortunato