

Subject: Minutes from the UDPL Board Meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Attendance: Library Director Cheri Fiory, President Janine Buesgen, Secretary Andrea Merrick and members Suanne Strauss and Joan Ryder Ludwig were all present. Member Gary Fisher participated by Zoom as did Robert Stutz from the Friends of Upper Dublin Library. Treasurer Wendy Rader and member Cathy Murphy were absent.

The meeting was conducted in person at the Library.

President Buesgen called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Welcome

President Buesgen welcomed all in attendance.

Two members of the public were present.

Consent Agenda Items:

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

(a) Minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting

(b) Financial Reports for January and February 2022

(c) Librarian’s Reports for January and February 2022

It was noted that February usage is up from January, partly due to auto- renewals. There was a question about volunteers for the YA programs, which Director Fiory addressed.

The consent agenda was unanimously accepted.

Public comment: Two people from the public were present but there was no public comment.

Discussion items:

a) 2022 Goals/Project Timeline

Director Fiory advised that starting April 18, 2022 the library hours will return to “normal”: M-Th 9:30 AM – 8:45 PM, F- Sa 9:30 AM – 5 PM and Sunday noon – 5PM.

Judy Frazier will be returning to Part-Time. Claudia **Nalence** has been promoted to Head of Access Services.

The Civic Engagement programs are underway. There is a book discussion series with a Professor from Penn State Abington in May/June/September and October. The Women’s Suffrage discussion registration opens April 4, 2022.

Director Fiory spoke about the Justice Bell Foundation and explained that the justice bell was a symbol in use in 1915 to encourage voting. She would like to display the “bell” in the library atrium in remembrance.

Director Fiory also indicated that she would like to have the library host music performances that honor democracy- American story themes.

The League of Women Voters will be conducting voter registration in April.

There is an upcoming Zoom presentation of a program from the Constitution Center.

A know your township department is commencing with a May 1st Tree and Shade Commission event.

Director Fiory shared that there will be a return to normal of the celebrate summer events for kids.

More author events are in the works and will be announced.

The Friends Gift Shop has opened and is doing well.

b) Friends Update

Robert Stutz spoke about recent Friends activities and advised that the April 29th Reception is being finalized. It will be catered. He requested more volunteers to assist with the event.

c) Capital Campaign Update

Director Fiory thanked Robert Stutz and the committee for all the efforts being expended to make the Reception on the 29th a success. She wants to make sure all the donos' names are correctly listed. More gifts have been received via the mail; people have been very generous and supportive of the library. She is hoping that the plaques and quotes will all be installed by the 29th. Efforts will now be transitioned to the Auditorium project and landscaping.

Action Items:

a) Library Policy Updates

Director Fiory selected a number of policies that needed updating to be accurate and reflect current conditions. The Board reviewed each of the below and moved, seconded and unanimously approved all the changes. Most of the policies can be found under the About Us section of udpl.org under the drop down menu.

- a) Manual Index- review removals
- b) Materials Use Policy
- c) Materials Selection and Collection Development Policy
- d) Reconsideration of Library Materials Form
- e) Internet and Computer Use Policy
- f) Instructions for Use of Wireless Network
- g) Gift or Donation Policy

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

The next Library Board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

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