

TINICUM TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

January 26, 2017

Attending:	John Anderson	Angela DeMarco
	Joan Casel	Carol Parsons
	Patricia Coleman	Bev Simpkins
Absent:	Linn Anderson	Michelle Hummel
Guests:	Art Perdunn	

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Bev Simpkins.

The minutes of the previous meeting (November 17, 2016) were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Simpkins brought to the attention of the board the will of Jayne Phillips. In her will, Mrs. Phillips left a monetary gift to the Tinicum Memorial Public Library in the amount of \$20,000. The will was handwritten but appeared to be in order. There was a consent form, which had to be executed by a member of the board of trustees on behalf of the library. Since Bev thought it was straightforward, she signed it and said it would be mailed to Mrs. Phillip's attorney the next day.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

PROGRAMS:

- Early Day Movies: On January 25th. The library showed “The Secret Life of Pets” which was attended by 40 people. Again, the local Wawa provided free soft pretzels.
- Mystery book Club: Continues to meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month with attendance ranging from 3 to 8 people.
- Preschool Storytime: Continues on Fridays and varies in attendance between 4 and 10 children.
- Knitting/ Crochet Club: Meets every Thursday at 6PM and attendance varies between 6 to 8 people.
- After-School Fun Club: Meets on Thursdays at 3:30PM with a range of attendance between 6-17 children.
- Cookbook Club: Continues to meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6PM with 6 to 10 people in attendance.
- Lazaretto Friends Group: Met on Thursday, January 12th.
- Yoga: With certified instructor Julie Devaney. Began again on January 9th with 18 attending. Meets Mondays at 6:30 PM.

MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS/ETC:

- Director Parsons attended the Director's Meeting on Thursday, December 15th.
- After the meeting, there was a celebration marking the 35th anniversary of the DCLS. Members of the County Council, most directors, DCLS staff, and a few library board members, including Linn and John Anderson, were in attendance.
- Linda West attended the Millennium User's Group Meeting on January 18th.

BUILDING UPDATES:

- Director Parsons is still waiting for the new water fountains to be installed.

OTHER NEWS:

- The library is pleased to be informed that they will receive an increase in Township funding for the 2017 calendar year. The funding will increase from \$105,000 to \$107,500.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- After School Fun Club: Thursdays @ 3:30PM
- Cookbook Club: No meetings in February. March 15th @ 6:30PM
- Lazaretto Friends Group: February 9th and March 10th @ 6:30PM
- Mystery Book Club: February 8th and March 9th @ 6:30PM
- Preschool Storytime: Fridays @ 11AM
- Infant Storytime with Miss Theresa: Wednesdays @ 11AM March 1st-22nd
- Knitting/Crochet Club: Thursdays @ 6PM
- Beginner/Gentle Yoga class: Mondays @6:30PM. Suggested donation of \$5 a person
- Early Day Movies: February 22nd and March 29th
- Fine Is Not Good Enough- Tiffin Talk- Tools for Improving Relationships with the Children in Our Lives: March 16th @ 6PM. The vice principal of Tinicum School has recommended that the library expand the invitation to the entire Interboro School District. We are waiting for approval from the Superintendent to distribute a flyer to all schools. This will be at no cost to the library, as it is being offered free from educator and consultant Kat Rowan.

OTHER REMINDERS:

- The library will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.
- Director Parsons told the board she is holding an employee's job open for her for another 4 weeks, A doctor's note was provided.
- Tyler Arboretum: 10 libraries will be chosen for them to install small gardens. Director Parsons cleared this with David Schreiber should our library be one of the 10 chosen. We are waiting for a visit soon. Jenny Schappel has been contacted about maintaining the garden.

- The Emergency Preparedness Program contacted the library and asked if they could present their program. Director Parsons informed the board that it will be held at the library. No date has been set.
- A motion was made and passed for the library to spend \$375 for toys and furniture items, which would include a rolling storage stool. These items would be purchased from Constructive Playthings.
- Carol Parsons mentioned to the board that plans are in the works for the Summer Reading Club and this year's theme is "Build A Better World." In addition, the library is also planning once again to offer Science in the Summer.
- The board discussed the possibility of a few members getting together to review the personnel policy for additional guidelines.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Pat Coleman submitted reports for October, November, and December. The reports were reviewed by the board and a motion was made to accept them. A motion was made and passed to pay the bills.

COUNTY MEETINGS:

Director Parsons attended the DCLB Meeting held on January 5th, 2017. Below are the items which were discussed:

- DCLB member, Mary Pat Lyname, retired from the board after 10 years of service and was honored.
- An announcement was made that a new Youth Services Director, Mary Ecklund, will start her position on January 9th.
- State aid checks are on their way and should be distributed early February.
- Cathy Biddle announced that for the upcoming year there will be no state cut in funding to our libraries.
- New committees are being formed to provide library staff an opportunity to be more involved with the operation at the County level. It is recommended that we participate in at least one committee because they want input from all sizes of libraries. Some already existing committees will continue but others are being added. Carol Parsons has volunteered to participate in the "Training Committee" which will determine what kinds of training are needed for staff and/or directors and then help with the training.
- New hired Youth Services Director, Mary Ecklund, will be visiting our library on Friday, February 17th, to meet with Carol, Linda, and Lori. Miss Ecklund will be visiting all libraries.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, March 30th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Casel

