

THE HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Board of Trustees Meeting (FINAL)

DATE: January 16, 2019

ATTENDING: Phil Goldsmith, President
Margaret Fox-Tully, Vice-President
Douglas Degenhardt, Treasurer
Madeline O’Fria, Secretary
Debbie Cella
Jim Brown
Scott Lowe
Sukrit Goswami, Director
Donna Reeves
Rachée Fagg
Eliav Decter, Friends Board Representative
Jeanne Angell, Hav. Partnership for Economic Development

ABSENT: NONE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Phil Goldsmith welcomed our new board member Debbie Cella. Debbie is a CPA who will be the chairperson of our finance committee. Sukrit welcomed Rachée Fagg, who is our new Head of Youth Services.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

HPED Beautification Project Presentation - Jeanne Angell

Jeanne went over the HPED Annual Report, then discussed recent improvements such as new signs at the municipal parking lots, and at the intersection of Manoa and West Chester Pike. There is also a new walkway on Darby Rd. between Lizelle’s and Wagner Real Estate with enhanced lighting. New public parking signs have been ordered for the municipal lots too. They are currently doing their membership drive and trying to increase their followers on Facebook. The big event of the year was the Home and Garden show which was at the CREC, and had 75 vendors and 30 speakers. This year it will be held in mid-May. The Moonlight on The Boulevard dining events were well attended too. They also have created a restaurant guide for Haverford Township. Jeanne introduced the new website: www.discoverhaverford.org. It’s a marketing website for Haverford Township and has many sections which explain the history and culture of the township, the new things happening in the township over the last 12 to 15 years, there’s a community section which has a calendar of events which is shared with the civic council; we can

submit an event to Jeanne which she can approve to be published on the calendar. The website features many links to such things as sports and fitness, education, community groups, neighborhood civic groups, scouting, veterans, etc... There is a link to our library too. A bench has been ordered and will be placed on the south side of the library.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve December 19, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes. Proposed by Scott Lowe, 2nd by Doug Degenhardt. Unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report - Doug Degenhardt

1. Monthly Financial Report Review (December 2018)
 - A. Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position)
 - B. Income Statement (Profit & Loss Monthly Summary with Previous Year Comparison)
 - C. Income Statement (Profit & Loss Year to Date Summary Budget vs. Actual Comparison)
 - D. Statement of Cash Flows

President's Report - Phil Goldsmith

Phil welcomed Rachée and told her how excited we are to have her onboard. Phil talked about the program on January 10th that we had about the book "A Beautiful Boy", where the son has addiction problems and the book is written by the father and son, over 400 people attended. In regards to the building project, the commissioners had the first reading on the conveyance of the Brookline building to the township, the second reading will be on February 5th. Brookline will be demolished, and the tenants have been given notice that they have to vacate by June 30th, 2019. The township has estimated the cost of demolition to be \$400,000 to \$600,000. Phil feels we need to take a fresh start and look at keeping the costs down if we do build a new building at that site. We may have to downsize our expectations. Whatever happens, it is not going to happen quickly as meetings with the residents have to be held; some commissioners are opposed to the library going to Brookline, some are in favor.

Director's Report - Sukrit Goswami

Library News:

- We welcomed new Youth Services Manager, Rachée Fagg, to HTFL this week.
- Reference Manager, Amy Moskovitz, first day at HTFL will be Feb. 4th
- I will be attending ALA Midwinter in Seattle, WA from Jan 23-29th.
- Grants outstanding for ALA co-sponsored with Google initiative for "Promising Practice" grant. This is a matching grant to the Coding for Kids grant that we will receive by Jan. 31st for \$500.
- Annual Appeal beginning Nov 9th to date has raised \$26,519.
- Book Drop at the CREC had 185 books picked up of which 23 customers were using this book drop for the first time.

Facilities News:

- We have performed an in depth assessment of the Library building with areas in need of attention identified. This information will be addressed with the township or other areas where needed

Program News:

- Youth Programs had 787 attendees to the library from drop-in events like crafts, games, and block party days to programs such as Coding and Turtle Dance Music that were very popular. Teen Programs had 274 attendees for programs including their holiday event.
- Outreach continued to a variety of preschools and elementary schools reaching 335 students, to introduce Award Winning Books to children as the Book Award season wrapped up.
- This month the Book Discussion with The Sheff's in cooperation with Haverford School District and Children's Book World had 300 attendees to the middle school

Sukrit suggested that we loan our DVD's for free to furloughed government employees and the board agreed. 2 libraries are loaning out DVDs for free to everyone all the time, (Rachel Kohl and Marple).

New Business:

Sukrit explained that we need to make a change to the Behavior Policy, Item 27, under "Inappropriate Behaviors shall include the following conduct", previously read as: "Bringing any animal into the library except service/therapy animals. Customers may be asked for proof of therapy." This will now be stated, "Bringing any animal into the library except service/therapy animals." It is illegal to ask for proof of therapy.

Motion: To amend and approve the removal of sentence in point #27: "Customers may be asked for proof of therapy." Proposed by Jim Brown, 2nd by Scott Lowe. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Motion: To go into executive session at 8:06 PM. Proposed by Madeline O’Fria, 2nd by Margaret Fox-Tully. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned: 9:11 PM