

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

DATE: JUNE 12, 2019

ATTENDING: Phil Goldsmith, President
Margaret Fox-Tully, Vice-President
Jim Brown
Alyce Callison
Madeline O’Fria, Secretary
Debbie Cella, Treasurer
Scott Lowe
Sukrit Goswami, Director
Donna Reeves
Dave Berman, Township Manager

ABSENT: NONE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Phil Goldsmith introduced Dave Berman, the new township manager, and explained that the order of the meeting would be changed to accommodate everyone who came to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Each individual has three minutes to speak. We will do the business portion of the meeting first and then allow ample time for Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019 BOT Regular Board Meeting. Proposed by Jim Brown, 2nd by Scott Lowe. Unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee – Debbie Cella

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

Debbie stated that our revenue is up 2% from the previous year and our expenses are down 9% for the year. We are on target with revenue for our budget this year. We are in the middle of a fundraising campaign and as of today we are at 66% of our goal.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Phil Goldsmith stated that the following order of speakers would be followed: Haverford Township residents first, Delaware County residents second, and all others after that. 34 individuals spoke about the topic, "Drag Queen Story Hour." Many spoke in favor of the program, and many spoke against it. Everyone who spoke was limited to three minutes, Margaret Fox-Tully was the timekeeper.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Phil Goldsmith

Phil thanked everyone for their comments. He explained that the mission of the library is to provide the residents of the township, as well as the public at large, access to the broadest range of resources, programs and services. The library is in favor of letting people make their own choice about attending or not attending the "Drag Queen Story Hour," or any other program that is offered. We do not believe that all our books or activities will be of interest to each patron. We believe that it should be the parent's choice about deciding which events they attend or books they read. Also, there was a question raised about the person needing a child clearance check. The law requires that we perform background and child clearance checks on our employees and those who will have "routine interaction" with children, which is defined as "regular and repeated contact that is integral to a person's employment or reasonable responsibilities." Someone performing at a one-time story time with parents in attendance does not fit into that category. Phil introduced Rachée Fagg, our Head of Youth Services, to read a book to the audience. She read the book, "I Am Enough" by Grace Byers. Phil then invited other members of the Board to speak on this topic. Jim Brown, a trustee, and developmental psychologist, spoke in favor of the program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Sukrit Goswami

- 1) Alyce, Jim and Debbie attended Trustees Workshop on Saturday, June 8th.
- 2) Sukrit attending ALA on June 20-25 in Washington DC.
- 3) Annual appeal campaign commenced November 9, 2018 and raised \$33,269 as of June 11, 2019. An Annual Appeal Thermometer has been placed next to the circulation desk for donations.
- 4) Friends Event for June: Spelling Bee fundraiser was fun for patrons and staff.
- 5) Upcoming events for June: We have 184 tickets pre-sold for Drag Queen Storytime on Saturday, June 15th for Pride Day. Philadelphia is the first World Heritage City and program to celebrate will be on June 18th. GSK co-sponsored Science in the Summer will be at the library the week of June 24th. Summer Quest Reading Program will be June 17 – August 11th with weekly programs for all ages, including Astronaut Training Camp on July 11th, Zoo

- visit July 24th, and Wednesday Night Live programming for the next 6 weeks includes Magic Shows, Jugglers, Music Groups and Sciencetellers.
- 6) Outreach for June: HTFL will be in attendance at the Irish Festival on June 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Motion: Motion to Adjourn proposed by Margaret Fox-Tully, 2nd by Jim Brown.
Unanimously approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:39 PM