

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

DATE: February 19, 2020

ATTENDING: Phil Goldsmith, President  
Debbie Cella, Treasurer  
Madeline O’Fria, Secretary  
Jim Brown  
Alyce Callison  
Sukrit Goswami, Director  
Donna Reeves

EXCUSED: Margaret Fox-Tully, Vice-President  
Scott Lowe

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Phil Goldsmith opened the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Proposed by Alyce Callison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Cella. Unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Finance Committee – Debbie Cella**

General revenue in December reflects a significant increase due to fundraising. Our overall expenses were down, but right on par with last year at this time. Each year reports for December and January reflect the December accrual activity. Our comparative budget is spot on reflecting a 1.5% difference. The Grants line item will be adjusted to move deferred revenue back to prior year as per recommendation from new auditor.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Report deferred to Executive Session, as it relates to a matter of real estate.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Sukrit Goswami

1. Our Annual Appeal this campaign year has raised \$32,405 from 11/18/19-2/12/20 compared to last year of \$27,406 for that same time period.
2. Business Sponsor campaign for our Annual Music programs, Sounds of Summer series and Jazz Café, began this month and we have raised \$600 with additional pledges forthcoming.
3. I will be attending the National PLA Conference in Nashville next week from Feb. 25-29<sup>th</sup> to meet with other public library professionals to learn through educational sessions and conferences.
4. In-house training this month occurred with the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Reference Retreat with professional development led by Reference Manager, Amy Moskovitz. In addition, the All Staff meeting featured presentations from two of the Youth Service Department Library Assistants: Jules Walls presented a cross training video on *Things You Might Not Know about Youth Services Department*, and Danielle Gowen presented on her MLIS project for HTFL’s *Local History Collection* catalogued and

available in the Board Room. Safety Policies were also discussed during the staff meeting including locations of the Red Emergency Folders, use of walkie-talkies throughout the library, emergency evacuation and muster station point.

5. Popular programs this month:

- Daily - Youth Services Department began the program *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*, initiated by Rachée Fagg and illustrated by Jules Walls, it currently has 130 participants in the first month with 29 participants having logged over 100 books marked with a character on the Youth Services “Train Wall”. Each milestone the child reaches their character moves up a train car on the track.
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - A lot has been “brewing” at Haverford Township Free Library. On Monday, February 3, we held our first session of a 2-part Beer Brewing Workshop hosted by a local Brew Your Own Beer Supplier. This event filled up and even had a waiting list! All who attended had a wonderful time learning how to make a pale ale. The second part, bottling, will take place on February 20th. This is just one example of the exciting, cutting edge programs we are bringing to the library in 2020.
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - The Center for Adult Autism program (CAAPP) which leads monthly crafts and painting programs this month had a Valentine’s Day party on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> with 45 people in attendance. This bi-weekly program is a Library partnership with Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health to offer social programs to adults on the autism spectrum.
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - Tea Tasting and Tutorial led by Mary Hawkins, proprietor of The Painted Tea Cup. Over 50 participants learned about health benefits, types and storage for tea.
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - In celebration of Black History Month, tonight we’re having local dance instructor Anssumane (Ahn-sue-mahn-ee) Silla, of Ballet X and Studio 34 teach an African Dance and Drumming class that will incorporate traditional songs and dances from his native country of Guinea Bisseau. Other events for Black History Month include Pajama Storytime with the book The Rumble Hunters by Courtney B. Dunlap and our Nonfiction Book Club which will be discussing Tears We Cannot Stop by Michael Eric Dyson. Our Cookbook Club with more than 30 members and growing are making recipes from Jubilee: Recipes from Two Centuries of African American Cooking by Toni Tipton-Martin. While the Youth Services Department will be also celebrating through learning how Freedom Quilts were used in the Underground Railroad and creating their very own Freedom Quilt patterns.

FRIENDS LIAISON REPORT:

- Friends will receive first pick of the Library’s withdrawn items for their on-going and annual book sale.
- Library staff will partner with the Friends in regularly moving donated items to the Friends sorting area.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

MEETING MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:30 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:15 PM