

THE HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
Annual Association Meeting Minutes (Draft)

DATE: MAY 17, 2023

ATTENDING: Margaret Fox-Tully, Vice-President  
Debbie Cella, Treasurer  
Alyce Callison, Secretary  
Scott Lowe, BOT  
Deb Morley, BOT  
Deirdre Cryor, BOT

Sukrit Goswami, Director  
Donna Reeves, Staff  
Kathleen Roe, Friends Liaison

EXCUSED: Phil Goldsmith

PUBLIC: 15 Community Members including other staff in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Margaret Fox-Tully, Board Vice President, at 7:01 PM.

OPENING OF MEETING: All in attendance to the meeting were welcomed by Library Vice President, Margaret Fox-Tully.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A couple members of the community conveyed their support for the library renovation and expansion and also asked questions about Library programming, displays and program registration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 18, 2022 Annual Association Meeting. Proposed by Deb Morley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Debbie Cella. Unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie Cella

Debbie Cella reported on a comparison between the current fiscal year and the previous fiscal year financial reports. The Library's annual independent audit for 2022 agrees with all figures discussed in the financial reports. Debbie conveyed to the board that the library's finances are in good standing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Margaret Fox-Tully

Margaret Fox-Tully reported that the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the funding for the renovated and expanded Library at the May 8, 2023 meeting. She extended the gratitude of the Library Board and Staff to the Commissioners for their support of the Library. She also thanked the Library patrons who advocated at numerous Commissioner meetings over the years about the value of the Library and what a renovated and expanded Library will do to enrich the community.

The Board of Commissioners has approved a bond of \$13.2 million for the renovation and expansion of the Library. The Library has also been the recipient of a number of grants for the project including a Keystone Grant from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries of \$750,000, a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant from the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of \$1 million, and a Federal grant (Community Project Funding) of \$2 million. The Library is also conducting a Capital Campaign with assistance from Schultz & Williams, a local and nationally recognized fundraising consulting firm.

Margaret discussed an overview of the floor plans as well as a description of some of the ways that the Library will better be able to serve the public as a result of the project. The plans include more meeting rooms, an innovation/maker space, a sensory room for individuals with special needs as well as spaces dedicated to different age ranges.

The Library's current plans are to vacate our existing building in late summer/early fall and begin to offer services in a temporary facility in the Manoa Shopping Center shortly thereafter. The construction project is scheduled to take about eighteen months. The Library will provide regular updates and timelines on the website, e-newsletter The HTFL Connection, and social media.

We are excited for this next chapter in bringing a 21st Century library to the residents of Haverford Township!

Margaret asked Sukrit to share with the Association the changes recommended by Bill Richter, Township Bond Council to the Library's Articles of Incorporation. Sukrit informed the members that the Township is recommending to include a dissolution provision onto our Articles of Incorporation. Sukrit also informed the membership that the dissolution clause already exists in our bylaws.

**Motion:** Margaret Fox-Tully made the motion to approve, ratify and file amendments to the Articles of Incorporation for the Library 501(c)3. Deb Morley seconded the motion – and the motion was unanimously approved by all.

**Election of Board of Trustees Position** – Alyce Callison acted as the chair to discuss election and oversee proceedings. Library Director, Sukrit, assisted with the proceedings. Margaret Fox-Tully ran unopposed and was reelected by the Association to serve another 3-year term on the Board of Trustees.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Proposed by Margaret Fox-Tully, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Lowe. Unanimously approved.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:40 PM