

THE HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
Annual Association Meeting Minutes (Draft)  
CREC, 9000 Parkview Rd, Haverford, PA

DATE: MAY 15, 2024

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

Sukrit Goswami, Director  
Donna Reeves, Staff  
Julie Schultz, Staff  
Patti Mungan, Staff  
Mary Bear Shannon, Staff  
Gina Lee, Staff

ABSENT: Phil Goldsmith

PUBLIC: Sherry Forste-Grupp, Commissioner, Kathleen Roe, Friends Liaison, Ken Matthews, CBDSI Construction Manager, Randon Petrae, CBDSI, and 5 Community Members

The meeting was called to order by Margaret Fox-Tully, Board President, at 7:06 PM.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023 Annual Association Meeting. Proposed by Margaret Fox-Tully, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Lowe. 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 2023 agrees with all figures discussed in the financial reports. Debbie conveyed to the board that the library's finances are in good standing.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITION: Scott Lowe was unopposed in his bid to continue to serve on the Board for another term. Scott was re-elected to another 3-year term by the Association and the Board. **Motion:** To approve Scott's re-election proposed by Alyce Callison, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Morley.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Margaret Fox-Tully

Margaret Fox-Tully reported that we are in the most exciting moment of the library's history with the library renovation underway. Margaret appreciated the Commissioners, Town Manager, Construction Managers, and Library Director, Sukrit Goswami for their ongoing commitment to and support of the renovation. She also recognized that while all Trustees have been involved in the renovation project, Scott Lowe's contributions were specifically acknowledged. Margaret discussed the importance of fundraising for the

library not only for the current renovation, but also to build up the endowment and to create a culture of philanthropy to ensure that the library will be secure well into the future. Margaret thanked Friends' Liaison to the Board of Trustees, Kathleen Roe, and all the Friends of the Library members for the many ways in which they assist the library and advocate for the library within the community.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S 2023 IN REVIEW: Library Director Sukrit Goswami shared library statistics for 2023, the timeline for renovation milestones, floor plans for the renovated library, and plans for the library's new bookmobile.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Ken Matthews and Randon Petrae, CBDSI Owners Representatives and Construction Managers  
Ken Matthews expressed his gratitude for the collaborative relationship with the library and architect, and the partnerships with the contractors on the project. He indicated that there are currently no schedule problems or issues of concern with the renovation project. Randon Petrae presented a slide show of recent pictures of the library building areas that are under construction as well as described the various stages of the renovation.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:49 PM