

**Lower Providence Community Library  
Board of Trustees meeting  
July 15, 2019**

**The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Nancy Klein, president; Michele Santoro Lisa Bono, Art Miller, Earl Catagnus (speaker phone), Peter MacFarland; Marija Skoog, library director; Lisa Yablonski, office manager; Lisa Yanak, Friends of the Library.

**Approval of minutes:** The May minutes were approved on motion by Lisa Bono, seconded by Michele. The minutes for June were approved with corrections on motion by Michele, seconded by Art.

**Treasurer's report:** Marija, reporting for Treasurer Ben Simkin, reviewed the library's operating budget, stating that we are a little below budget estimates for the year. We had an expenditure of \$6829 for repairs to the air conditioning system. A sizable expenditure for books and materials for the month will even out in book expenditures for the year. She pointed out that the state has increased its allocation for the state's public libraries for 2020 so Lower Providence should benefit from that in the future.

**Friends of the Library:** Lisa Yanak reported that the Friends made \$2100 from their recent book sale. Board members suggested ways the Friends could attract more volunteers.

**Library Director's report:** Marija introduced Lisa Yablonski, who has been hired as the new office manager. Marija has also negotiated a new way to provide coffee for our patrons and staff. Valerio Coffee Roasters of Audubon would install an airpot brewer and two airpots in the library if we would purchase our coffee and tea from the company. Each library user would pay for his or her coffee and there would be no effect on the library budget. The board was impressed but decided to delay signing the contract until the August meeting pending a few questions. Repairs had to be made to a toilet in the women's room this month.

**Supervisory overview:** Pete acquainted the board with a major pipeline project which is about to get underway. He informed the board that Police Chief Stan Turtle has resigned to accept another position.

**Fall fundraiser:** Marija and a planning team have put together many details for a beer tasting event for October. To be called "Midnight in the Garden of Beer and Books," the event will be held Saturday, October 19, from 7 to 10 p.m.. It will be held both within the library and on the lawn behind the library. We expect eight local breweries to provide beers for tasting. Food trucks will also be available to the patrons. Lawn games and basket raffles will be featured. A local band has agreed to provide music at no charge. Each patron will be provided with a four-ounce glass for sampling the beer and a "passport" that describes the beers and their brewery. We will solicit sponsors at different levels for the event. Board members were encouraged to nominate sponsors.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**