

Lower Providence Community Library
Board of Trustees meeting
September 16, 2019

Present: Nancy Klein, president; Ben Simkin, Lisa Bono, Michele Santoro, Art Miller; Peter MacFarland, liaison; Lisa Yanak, Friends of the Library; Marija Skoog, library director.

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes: The August minutes were approved on motion by Ben, seconded by Lisa.

Treasurer's report: Ben has reinvested \$200,000 from a matured CD in a three-year CD at 2.1% interest. He and Marija reported and passed out the 2018 audit of library accounts completed by Bond, Pezzano and Etze, accountants of Collegeville, PA. Any board member comments on the audit will be forwarded to Ben. Approved on motion by Dave, seconded by Art.

Friends of the Library: Lisa reported that the Friends had contributed \$500 to buy distinctive T-shirts that will identify the members of the TAB group whose young members do decorating and other odd jobs for the Friends. The Friends are also going to start regularly selling bags of contributed books at \$5 a bag, to lessen the piling up of these books in the library.

Library Director's report: On the plan to hardwire the library's computer network to make it more secure, Marija has received advice from MCLINC on how to adapt our system. After a discussion, the board agreed for Marija to get a bid from a competent IT expert on connecting our computers. Both Nancy and Marija said also they knew of knowledgeable volunteers who might help.

She reported on shifts in the budgets between electronic resources and adult books and periodicals to reflect the current demand. She and Lisa Yablonski are formulating a proposed 2020 budget and will consult with former library director Lynn Burkholder on it. She also reported that for 2020, the state will increase its funding of most libraries in the commonwealth which should give Lower Providence an estimated additional \$6500.

The Library's popular Summer Quest ended August 9 with 629 children registered for 100 events including moviemaking, Binary Bootcamp, Kindergarten Readiness and Music and Movement.

Supervisors' liaison: Peter reminded the board of the September 24 Township Open House at the Arcola Middle School and Nancy noted that the library will be represented there with a booth. The township's popular Fall Fest will be held October 5 at the Eagleville recreation area. He noted that there will also be grand openings of three new local businesses this month.

"Beer and Books" fundraiser: Marija and the staff have been working hard planning this October 19 fundraising event. Marija passed around a sample of a miniature beer mug that each guest will receive. One brewery has agreed to be on hand and others are being asked. A tent has been arranged to be erected in the side yard with the event to be both indoors and outdoors. The Friends are collecting contents for gift baskets. An artistic wood carving will be auctioned off. Plans have switched from food trucks serving food to local restaurants offering food items. Efforts are still ongoing to attract additional sponsors for the event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Arthur Miller, Secretary

