

**Lower Providence Community Library  
Board of Trustees meeting  
October 29, 2019**

**Present:** Nancy Klein, president; Ben Simkin, Michele Santoro, Dave Nawrocki, Art Miller; Marija Skoog, library director.

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

**Approval of minutes:** The September minutes were approved with one correction.

**Treasurer's report:** Ben reported that the auditors completed and approved the library's annual audit, stating that the staff was using best financial practices. We continue currently under budget for the year.

**Friends of the Library:** Reporting for Lisa Yanak, Nancy said that the Friends would continue with their \$5-a-bag book sale.

**Library Director's report:** Discussion and critique of the "Books and Beer" fundraising event, held at the library Saturday, October 19. It was the first time for the beer-tasting event and it was a resounding success. 151 people attended (111 tickets sold, 40 complimentary tickets to donors). The event was held both within the library and outdoors under a tent with local breweries offering eight different beers. A "Beer Tasting Passport" was included. Several local food services provided a selection of sandwiches, pretzels, cheeses and fruit. Gross income was \$11,288 (including sponsorships of \$6750) with expenses of \$2828 for a net income of \$8459. The board's consensus was that it was an event that could be repeated. Supervisor Patrick Duffy, who attended the event, stated that the library produced greater contributions to its annual budget than any other activity of the township.

Marija briefed the board on the current MCLINC effort to standardize lending periods and renewals throughout the county library system for all "shared collections." This change will affect our new fiction and DVD lending periods, she said, but can be smoothly accomplished. Marija is on the board of MCLINC that is making these county-wide changes.

Marija then outlined her estimate for a 2020 budget for the library, noting on the income side a \$6000 increase in state aid for libraries and an estimated \$4000 increase in township aid. The estimate includes \$27,000 in additional income from two major fundraisers, similar to 2019. On the expense side, \$3000 more would be provided for "books and materials," and \$9000 additional for staff payroll and benefits. Other budget estimates were similar to 2019. Her recommendations will be considered and the budget voted on at the November board meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.**