

## Whitehall Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023

Called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafe.

Present: Marilyn Kail, Sandhya Adhikari, Liz Tuttle, Jason Holliday, Christy Kuehn, Kelly Stanton, Mary Rose Chasler, Stone Sobieralski (Borough Council Representative) and Paula Kelly (Library Director).

- Introduction and Welcome to new board members as well as this year's Borough Council representative, Stone Sobieralski.
- January 2023 Board Meeting Agenda, December 2022 Minutes, December 2022 Financial Reports, December 2022 Bill List approved unanimously.

December 2022 Director's Report was unanimously approved.

- Highlights – WPL started 2023 in a strong financial position as the result of a generous 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in 2022. WPL recently received a \$40,000.00 grant for STEM programming, as well as the 2022 Love Your Library matching contribution from the Jack Buncher Foundation. In addition to the match, the foundation gave an additional \$5,000 to each ACLA library. WPL also received a bequest of \$5,000.00 from a former resident who passed away last July.

Old Business:

- Strategic Planning Committee Updates
  - Chair Liz Tuttle provided an overview of the committee for the new board members and advised that the Strategic Planning Committee would meet sometime soon to continue its work synthesizing the data collected last year into two instruments to be shared with the public and with Borough Council.

New Business:

- Code of Ethics signatures
- 2023 Bank Signature Cards
- Monthly Borough Meeting Board Representation Sign-Up
- 2023 friends of the Library/Library Board MOU
- 2023 Board Committees
  - Budget Committee
    - Chair Sandhya Adhikari provided an overview of the committee for the new board members.
  - Nominating Committee
    - Chair Mary Rose Chasler provided an overview of the committee for the new board members.
  - Fundraising Committee
    - Chair Jason Holliday provided an overview of the committee for the new board members.

- Allie Brooks will be joining this committee as a community volunteer.
  - Strategic Planning Committee
    - Chair Liz Tuttle provided an overview of the committee for the new board members.
  - Marilyn asked each Committee Chair to provide her with a 2023 goal for each of the committees prior to the next board meeting.
- The Board also discussed the onboarding process for new and current members. Suggestions were made regarding a potential tour of the WPL, as well as staff interviews and a meeting with WPL's bookkeeper.

Announcements:

- Next Board Meeting – February 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
- Whitehall Borough Council Meeting – January 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Marilyn Kail will attend.

Stone Sobieralski – No updates from Council.

Regular Session Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

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