

Whitehall Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2023

Called to order at 7:00 pm in the Second Chapter Café

Present: Mary Rose Chasler, Marilyn Kail, Jason Holliday, Sandhya Adhikari, Allie Brooks, Paula Kelly (Library Director), Stone Sobieralski (Borough Council Representative).

Absent: Liz Tuttle, Christy Kuehn

- **Introduction of Guests Visitors**
 - None – due to scheduling it was decided to have Denise Hulbert provide an overview of her position during the July board meeting
- June 2023 Board Meeting Agenda – Approved unanimously with adaption to remove Denise Hulbert overview.
- May meeting minutes, financial reports, and bill list – Approved unanimously
- June 2023 Director's Report – Approved unanimously
 - Paula provided two new pieces of news:
 - WPL will have a partnership with the Western PA Diaper Bank to make feminine hygiene products available in the library. Our area was identified as a community that can see benefit in supplying these items for those who have a need, we will be working with community partners on this initiative
 - Denise is working with Hannah Bower, Borough Recreation, to put together a fall scavenger hunt. This will get citizens into the parks that have been upgraded and provide an activity for families to participate in together
- Strategic Planning
 - Update provided by Paula regarding the Executive Summary that has been created. It provides qualitative feedback from citizens about a number of topics within the borough. The board decided it will discuss how to distribute this information to borough council at the July meeting
- Fundraising
 - The formal WPL Neighbor Spring campaign has come to a close (however donations are accepted all year). We missed our May 31 goal by a small amount (less than \$50) but achieved the \$35,000 goal within 1-2 days after. We also received the additional \$5,000 from the anonymous donor. We will begin discussing Love Your Library soon
- Notary Services
 - Paula has contacted Courtney Wertz, Borough Manager, for advice from the Solicitor regarding any associated fee/donation. The Solicitor has not provided a response at this time, so Paula will follow up with Courtney.
- Whitehall Reads
 - This year's book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. In addition to the read, the library will host a variety of tie-in programs, and it may continue into September to coincide with the start of Love Your Library as there are additional events and activities planned around this program
- No updates from Whitehall Borough – Stone Sobieralski

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm