



Free Library of Northampton Township

Library Board Meeting

May 9, 2024

Board Members Present: Chip Heim (President), Janet Braker (Vice President), Eleanora Rosso (Secretary), Jessica Freundel (Treasurer), Charles Beem, Larry Blumenthal, Michael May

Staff Present: Wayne Lahr (Library Director)

Citizens Present: none

Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Reading of Library Mission and Vision Statement

Braker read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Approval of April 2024 Minutes

The Board approved the April 2024 Meeting Minutes unanimously.

Library Director Report

- In April, the library received its highest number of visitors since February 2020, over 15,300.
- Creativebug is now available – arts & crafts online classes and instructions.
- Lahr joined Northampton Township Business & Professional Association and attended his first networking meeting.
- No FLNT (official library) directional signs exist today in the Township. Lahr has discussed with the Township management; believes PennDOT provides the signs but will verify.
- Current director of Bucks County Free Library retiring; replacement interviews are underway.
- Lahr attended the Welcoming the Stranger 25th anniversary celebration.
- Lahr reviewed the 2024-2025 District Negotiated Agreement for BCFL – funds provided by the State to support the libraries throughout the district.

Friends of FLNT Report

- April meeting was held to announce 2024 officers.
- Next meeting is June 19, 2024 @ 7 PM in the library.

Computer and Acceptable Internet Use Policy

- Board voted on new policy, passed unanimously.

Social Media Policy

- Board voted on new policy, passed unanimously.

Strategic Plan Status

- Priority #1 – Build a Culture of Learning
 - Met today to review considerations for Library of Things – participants brought their Top 10 list and those lists were compiled
 - Next meeting scheduled for May 21 @ 6 PM via Zoom.
- Priority #2 – Community Partnerships
 - No scheduled meeting.
- Priority #3 – Effective Communication
 - Last meeting was held on 4/24
 - Reviewed final elements for Project Brief
 - Next meeting scheduled for 5/17 @ 8:30 AM; will review the draft Creative Brief
- Priority #4a – Contemporary Facilities (Interior)
 - Last meeting was held on 5/6
 - We completed a list of requirements to be provided to the consultants Wayne has been in contact with
 - We've reviewed images saved to Pinterest to identify visuals to supplement the requirements as a way to help the Consultants further understand our vision
 - Next meeting - has not been scheduled yet. We anticipate following meetings to be conversations with different architects.
- Priority #4b – Contemporary Facilities (Exterior)
 - Currently waiting on initial landscape architect to contact library to schedule next meeting.

Public Comment

For the Good of the Order / Miscellaneous

- Discussed voting on 2025 Board Meeting Schedule and meeting times in November.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanora Rosso (Secretary)

Date