



Free Library of Northampton Township

Library Board Meeting

June 13, 2024

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

Staff Present: Wayne Lahr (Library Director)

Citizens Present: Paula Gasper (Supervisor Liaison)

Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Reading of Library Mission and Vision Statement

Beem read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Approval of April 2024 Minutes

The Board approved the May 2024 Meeting Minutes unanimously.

Library Director Report

- The next Friends of FLNT meeting is Wednesday, June 19 @ 7 PM in the Library's Board Room. Lahr will not be in attendance. Michael May will represent the Board at the meeting.
- Summer Quest 2024 begins Saturday, June 15 with a big Kick-Off Celebration from 10 AM to Noon. The event will include Scott the Balloon Man, face painting, outside yard games and activities, free books, crafts, a scavenger hunt in the library, new Summer Reading logs, and Rita's Water Ice. Our summer reading prizes feature new homemade themed buttons/pins for kids!
- Local companies contributing items to kids' book clubs: Acme (Book Bunch Jr., water and bagged snacks), Philly Pretzel Factory (Book Bunch, mini pretzels at a 50% discount), Rita's of Richboro (water ice at 50% discount), and Gianni's will be contributing pizzas to 2 teen book club meetings.
- Lahr participated in the most recent Northampton Township Business & Professional Association meeting at the NVCC for breakfast.

Strategic Plan Status

- Priority #1 – Build a Culture of Learning
 - Met on 5/30. Focus of the meeting was to review Priority 1 and its Objectives and Action steps to discuss where we are and where we need to be with specific steps for

- the future. Follow-up on Library of Things in July. Adding Family Read Aloud program for 2 sessions this summer and will evaluate to determine whether to continue.
- Discussed possibly aligning with SCORE to offer programs at library (retired executives who assist individuals with business-related services such as job search, writing business plans, etc.)
 - Next meeting – not yet scheduled; probably to discuss Library of Things project
 - Priority #2 – Community Partnerships
 - Lahr attended the Northampton Business & Professional Association breakfast networking event on June 5. He plans to determine an approach for this committee beginning in July.
 - Priority #3 – Effective Communication
 - Last meeting was held on 6/7
 - Creative Brief/RFP draft has been finalized. The plan is to distribute it to six vendors that have been identified and have indicated an interest in partnering with us.
 - Our target is to have new logo, branding by end of year
 - Next meeting - not yet scheduled; branding vendor meetings probably the next step
 - Priority #4a – Contemporary Facilities (Interior)
 - Last meeting was held on 5/6
 - No new committee meetings since last Board meeting, however, we have had Teams calls with 4 architectural firms:
 1. Kimmel Bogrette
 2. Michael Graves
 3. OBN Architects
 4. JR Keller LLC
 - Lahr scheduling meeting in July (25th) for board members and Bill Wert to review our next steps. At this point, staff has provided a great deal of input and will be included again in the future. Lahr and Wert need to update the Twp. Manager, Pellegrino, on our progress.
 - Next meeting – not yet scheduled; probably additional architect conversations
 - Priority #4b – Contemporary Facilities (Exterior)
 - Same update as Priority #4b, architects seeing both as integrated project

Public Comment

For the Good of the Order / Miscellaneous

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanora Rosso (Secretary)

Date