



Free Library of Northampton Township

Library Board Meeting

October 10, 2024

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

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

Beem read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Approval of September 2024 Minutes

The Board approved the September 2024 Meeting Minutes unanimously.

Library Director Report

- The next Friends of FLNT meeting is Wednesday, November 20 @ 7 PM in the Library's Board Room. Lahr will be in attendance.
- The library had a booth at Northampton Days. About 90 people visited the table. Thank you to Charles Beem (Board) and Jessica Freundel (Board) for volunteering to join me at the tent.
- Computer classes in partnership with Parks & Rec have restarted this week. An additional class is being scheduled for Feb-Mar 2025. This class will exhaust the grant money we've been using to pay for the instructor.
- The library received the 2024 PA Forward Adult Programming Information Literacy Award from PA Library Association for one of our adult literacy programs. Kristi Chase represented the Library in Harrisburg at the Annual PaLA Conference to receive the award.

Strategic Plan Status

- Priority #1 – Build a Culture of Learning
 - No update
- Priority #2 – Community Partnerships
 - No update

- Priority #3 – Effective Communication
 - We have notified SWELL that we have approval to move forward in working with them on the Library Branding initiative.
 - Starting to develop RFP for the planned new Library website design.
- Priority #4a – Contemporary Facilities (Interior)
 - No update
- Priority #4b – Contemporary Facilities (Exterior)
 - No update

Friends of the Free Library of Northampton Township Report

- The director attended the Friends 9/18 meeting and communicated the future role the Friends group needs to play to meet the probable future fundraising needs of the library.
- Braker reviewed the Friends By-Laws with the Board.

FLNT Library Board By-Laws

- Braker reviewed the Library By-Laws section on Officers and term limits.

New Library Board Member Onboarding Material

- The director assembled a recommended list of materials and activities for future new Board Members to consume as they onboard. The Board reviewed the list and agreed with it.

Nominations for 2025 Officers

- President: Chip Heim
- Vice-President: Larry Blumenthal
- Secretary: Eleanora Rosso
- Treasurer: Jessica Freundel

Public Comment

None

For the Good of the Order / Miscellaneous

None

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanora K. Rosso

Eleanora Rosso (Secretary)

10/10/24

Date