

**North Wales Area Library Board Meeting
Approved Minutes from September 25, 2024**

In Attendance: Suzan Leonard, Jackie Oberholtzer, Hailey Nelson, Tanya Bamford, Scott Cunningham, Jen DiMario, Pam Gallagher, Jocelyn Tenney, Jennifer Koch.

Not in attendance: Stephen Simchak, Pam Wilson

Regular meeting called to order at 7:12 PM.

Minutes from the August Board meeting approved per motion by Pam G. and seconded by Tanya.

Financial report/Hailey: Expenses exceeded income for the month but there is income to cover it. The Library is waiting for the tax credit of \$40,000 and Montgomery Township's \$10,000.

Budget is in draft. It is balanced now. High goals have been set for amounts from Upper Gwynedd Township - \$61,000 and Montgomery Township - \$20,000. The budget can be finalized at the end of December 2024. Payroll costs are under expenses and can be discussed October – December.

President's Report:

- Susan noted the need for a discussion about the Library's suggested name change to 'North Penn Library and Learning Center'. Tanya suggested the Board create a set number of names and do a survey with the community and neighbors. Pam suggested that 'library' be kept in the name. Jocelyn noted that the name change had been suggested in the past when the Library was moving to the current location.
- **Referendum/Suzan:** Suzan reviewed the Library Code and the Referendum Code. According to the Library Code 3% of population where referendum takes place is needed and not 5%. She will check with Upper Gwynedd since will need help with it. Suzan will keep us posted as she learns more.

Events:

- **NW Community Day 9/28 from 11 AM-4 PM.** Joye and Pam Wilson will set up the table. Library employees will also help. There will be a raffle and tri-fold advertising the Library.
- **Montgomery Township Autumn Festival** is October 19 at Windlestrae Park on Kenas R. The Library is participating.
- **Fall used book sale/Jocelyn:** Date is October 18 and 19, 2024. Ninety boxes of books stowed so far at the Water Authority. Prices will be slightly increased for upcoming sale but children's selections will remain the same price. Hardbacks will be \$3, paperbacks will be \$2, and bag sale will increase from \$5 to \$10.
- **Facilities/Joye:** Updated Library cameras from \$21,000 in money donated by Mr. & Mrs. Fields. It will be used for infrastructure replacement. In the back office there are now three refurbished lap tops with updated drives and screens; voice over for phones. A 2025 donation has already been received to add to all emails the information for donating to the Library. Pat Carbone is the one who Joye got to install the cameras in the Library.

Library Report/Jennifer K.:

- The fund raiser 'Pour House' brought in \$961. It will be done next October with the Phillies.
- Sales for the next Hoagie Sale are coming in slowly.
- Jen is looking at working to get corporate sponsors for The Taste.
- Back office is looking to get and was approved for upgrade to computers, software for all computers and new server. The phone system and new computers for public bank will wait until new year under Infrastructure Campaign.
- The North Penn Vo-tech School is doing the Library's printing at a cost savings.
- Jen has added 'Diversity' and a 'Mission Statement' to the Library's printed material.
- 401K update has been supplied to the Board to review. Jen will check with employees if interested. If they are not interested it would be too expensive just for herself.
- Jen will review the reasons for an increase in Library patrons.
- Friends of the Library – John Sprouse is the new president.
- At North Wales Day the Library table will have applications for those interested in joining The Friends of the Library.
- There is interest in a Genealogy Class. A Czur scanner would be helpful. Cost is about \$400.

Pam G. made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Next NWAL Board meeting is Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 PM.