

**FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MONROE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Regularly Scheduled May 15, 2024

A. Call to Order:

The May Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of Monroe Township was called to order at 7:00pm by President Joan Betterly followed by the Pledge of Alligence. Those present: John Pohler, Terry Vanleer, Allison Munch, Councilman Ron Garbowski, Jeanne Kirsch, Janet Mead, Samantha Snyder and President Joan Betterly. President Joan Betterly confirmed that tonight's meeting was being held in compliance with the Open to the Public Meetings Act.

B. Public Portion (Open/Close):

President Joan Betterly opened the public portion of the meeting. There was no one from the public attending the meeting. Joan Betterly closed the public portion.

C. Approve Minutes April 2024: Motion to approve April Minutes was made by Jeanne Kirsch, seconded by Allison Munch. All voted in favor.

D. Approve April 2024 Financial Reports: Off the record while the Board reviewed the financial reports. Back on record. John Pohler made a motion to approve April financial reports, seconded by Allison Munch. All voted in favor.

E: Approve Payment of April 2024 Vouchers: A motion was made by Terry Vanleer to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Jeanne Kirsch. All voted in favor.

F: Directors Report:

Technology:

Samantha reported, our website went down on Friday, I called Tom our webdesigner, he had to track down someone at godaddy, our webhosting service to fix the issue.

Building:

Samantha reported, the tiny toilet in the Children's Bathroom has been replaced.

Samantha reported, the MUA came out to turn our curb stop on so Ron could turn

our sprinklers back on last week. Ron had to adjust them this week, something happened to the timer and they came on during the outdoor story time. Samantha reported, the children were thrilled, running through the garden.

Events:

Samantha reported, the Art Show with Gina Martucci has come and gone, over 200 people filed through to see the art work and 35 kids received awards made by Gina. Samantha reported, there was a mini-fashion show of the children and adults who painted customized clothing.

G: Committee Reports:

Garden:

John reported, he had a crew come out and help him work on cleaning out the garden. He asked Buildings & Grounds to mow the garden and they inadvertently weed wacked the new plants he planted. John reported, fortunately, most of the plants have started to come back up. John reported, he has started plants at home and depending on the weather he will be bringing them to plant in the Library garden.

Personal Committee:

No Report

Policy/By Laws:

No Report

Buildings & Grounds:

John reported, we need a new State flag for out front. Samantha reported, she remembered it was on back order, I will asked Buildings & Grounds for an update.

Friends:

Joan reported, the Friends had their Book Sale on April 27th. and it was a big success. Joan reported, the book sale made \$1,409.00 and the Givers raffle made \$353.00, a total of \$1,762.00. Joan reported, the book sale was packed and everyone was so friendly and generous, a lot of the people were telling them to keep the change from their purchases. Joan reported, the Meet the Authors event also went well despite the cold and rain and Joan gave Terry a special “Thank You” for sitting out in the freezing cold selling water.

G: Old Business:

No Old Business

H: New Business:

Joan reported, about six weeks ago the Library put a work order in for mulch, weeding and spraying the garden along the outside wall. Joan reported, Sam was told by Billy from Buildings & Grounds that they will not be putting mulch they will be putting rocks down. Joan reported, she called Jim DeHart and asked him about the rocks, Jim told Joan it is because of a new State law, no mulch can be put down within 18” from the wall of a public building because of a fire risk. Joan reported, Buildings and Grounds will be taking the mulch out and spraying and placing a barrier down to prevent weeds growing and then rocks on top of the barrier.

Janet Mead made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm Jeanne Kirsch seconded.
All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen Uhl Transcriber

Joan Betterly President
Board of Trustees

