Whitehall Public Library Board Meeting Minutes


Called to order 7:00 pm in the Whitehall Borough Community Room.

Present: Tara Abbott, Helen Dubina, Mary Rose Chasler, Marilyn Kail, Liz Tuttle, Katie Kinamon, Sandhya Adikari, Paula Kelly (library director), John Wotus (council representative). Linda Book absent (council representative),


Director’s report September 2021 approved. Highlights from Paula: School kits prepared by children’s librarians very popular with teachers. Discussion ongoing in ways library can support schools’ access to books. Marilyn will develop PR announcement for the school kits.

**Old Business**: *2021 Strategic plan updates. Paula completed SWOT analysis with the staff. Strategic Planning Committee will review all the information gathered with SWOT and other data to develop survey.*

*Policies update: First Amendment Audits in Libraries. Paula reported multiple libraries including WPL have received calls related to persons wanting to film inside libraries. Paula will draft a policy for the library and present at November meeting for review.*

*Land Acknowledgements and Libraries. Paula presented information from the a PA Library Association conference session (hosted by Braddock Carnegie Library) related to Land Acknowledgement and libraries. Paula will draft a statement for the board to review.*
*Love Your Library.  Campaign was successful. $22,000 collected and $20,000 for that total is available for matching funds.

**New Business:** *Susan Gilbert Memorial Update. Over $7,000 of memorial donations. Money will be allocated toward a quiet study area including study carrels and other furniture. Tara moved that a plaque be designed in consultation with the family. Seconded by Liz. Approved.*

*Nominating Committee Updates. Marilyn moved that Jason Holiday be nominated to Whitehall Council to be considered for a board position beginning in January. Seconded by Katie. Approved.*

Tara made a motion that Mary Rose and Marilyn be approved for a second 3 year term. Seconded by Helen.  Approved.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting November 10, 2021, 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:53 pm.

Executive Session: Budget discussion

Executive Session adjourned 8:27 pm