Whitehall Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2021

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


Minutes November 2021, Financial Reports November 2021, Bill list November 2021 and Director’s Report were unanimously approved.

Marilyn made a motion to add Land Acknowledgment Policy review to agenda. Seconded by Katie. Approved.

Highlights of Director’s Report: Working with community partners WPL is developing public awareness initiative to address disinformation around immigrants and refugees. It is called the Welcoming Neighbor Alliance.

Acknowledgment of Helen Dubina’s service to the WPL. Acknowledgment of Tara Abbott’s 2 years of service as board president and Mary Rose Chasler as board Secretary for 2 years.

Old Business: 2021 Strategic Planning Update. A preliminary survey has been developed and distributed to small focus group to check for review and feedback. Anticipate distribution to public January 2022. Discussion of further normalizing Library activities balancing safety with service to public, specifically with regard to the Family Place children’s library. Policy Review and Updates. Marilyn made a motion to approve the Land Acknowledgment Policy. Seconded by Helen. Motion passed. End of Year Donor Acknowledgments. Board members will personalize thank you notes to new 2021 donors.

New Business: Library Staff Acknowledgments. Discussion of end of year bonuses to staff. Tara made a motion to include the Library Director Salary in the COLA 3% raise beginning January 2022. Seconded by Helen. Approved.

Announcements: Tara to attend December 15, 2021 Whitehall Council Meeting
Next Library Board Meeting January 12, 2022, 7:00PM
Adjourned 7:56 PM