

Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library
Minutes July 11, 2023, 7PM
Lambertville Free Public Library
6 Lilly St, Lambertville, NJ 08530
Meeting was held in person and via Zoom

The meeting of the Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library was called to order at 7:00 PM by Karen Riedeburg. In addition to Ms Riedeburg, present were Trustees Albert Bauer, Kate Winslow, Matt Larkin, Stephanie Volmer, Kathleen Harris, Amy Connelly, Library Director Jen Sirak, and Mayor Andrew Nowick.

In compliance with the open public meetings act, it was announced that this was the July 11 meeting of the Trustees, which had been published in The Democrat and filed with the City Clerk for posting on the bulletin board located in City Hall.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 9, 2023, meeting were reviewed and approved. (ML motioned, KR seconded, unanimous approval)

Director's Report

- Oaxaca Day organizer Trina Bardusco and librarian Fran Bardusco recapped their presentation at this year's NJLA and gave an update on plans for this year's Oaxaca Day. Several people from the State Library are planning on coming to the event, and the board needs to organize how to shepherd these visitors through the day. Also, when the IMLS visited in April, they suggested that the library apply for the National Medal; the application window is July 1-Aug. 31 (Jen is working on this).
- The Library will partner with LPS to support their library needs when they are temporarily housed at the Jesus School. This will be an evolving situation.
- Statistics: adult fiction and picture book fiction circulation numbers have returned to pre-pandemic numbers, and our ebook usage is much higher than 2019.
- Beacon microfilm has been donated to Princeton University. Still looking for a home for the microfilm machine and printer.

Treasury Report

The bills for March were presented and, on a unanimous vote, the motion to pay bills totaling \$6,397.72 was approved.

Committee Reports

- a. Buildings and Grounds - did not meet
- b. Community Outreach - did not meet
- c. Finance (covered above in Treasurer's Report)
- d. Policy (did not meet)
- e. Strategic Planning: met, still fine tuning the draft...do we need to be more strategic, less operational in the Cplan?

Correspondence

Three pieces re: the Friends (two from the IRS; one from the state), this needs to be forwarded to the group, but unclear who has filed these forms for an extension (seems that Judy Gleason is the most likely candidate).

New Business

- Matt Larkin asked the board to reserve two dates for a potential fundraising event (either Saturday, Nov. 4 or 11, 2023) to be held in a private home. The board will reach out to the state library's attorney to make sure the legalities of this is OK (i.e. can board fundraise?); ML will email these questions to Mayor Nowick who will forward them to the city's attorney. Also need to get our talking points down re: strategic plans, financials, building plans, as well as start establishing contacts with major corporations, companies, etc., in town (banks, pharma, etc.). We need to create a culture of active fundraising.
- 2025 is the official 100th anniversary of the LFPL...need to discuss how to have a year of celebrations.
- We need a new board member to replace Manisha Agarwal.

Public Comment

Community member Walt Jimenez spoke briefly.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.