

Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library
Minutes April 9, 2024, 7PM
Lambertville Free Public Library
6 Lilly St, Lambertville, NJ 08530
Meeting was held in person and via Zoom

The virtual 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 Library Director Jen Sirak, Trustees Albert Bauer, Stephanie Volmer, Walt Jiménez, Amy Connelly, Ed Hoag, and Kathleen Harris, and Ricardo Zapata and Kate Winslow (via Zoom).

In compliance with the open public meetings act, it was announced that this was the April 9 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 March 12, 2024, meeting were approved unanimously (Kathleen Harris abstained).

Treasury Report

The bills were presented, and the motion to pay bills totaling \$39,533.15 was unanimously approved (resolution 011-2024).

Director's Report by Jen Sirak

- The solar eclipse glasses were wildly successful...could have ordered 200 more pairs. The phone was ringing off the hook! It was a good confirmation that the public knows the library is the place to come for this sort of help and information.
- Announcement of the Medal...Also needing to gather stories in support of the medal; tag LFPL and #imlsmedals. Tues., April 30 is the day IMLS will showcase our library.
- Fire safety violations: JS has been in discussion with the city and fire official regarding the status of the library front door handles. The push-bar requirement is not compatible with the library doors. The fire official will file an extension for us while he considers the best solution.
- DLNJ ebook consortium news: Bibliotheca has sold our Cloud Library ebook service to OCLC, the global library company that creates catalog records among their many other facets of library service. OCLC took the entire CL team, which is hopefully a positive sign. We will wait and see what further developments this will mean for us and our consortium.
- Matt Larkin has opened the bank account for the Library Foundation.
- Donation funds use: Staff has floated some potential ideas for the donation funds such as a new picnic table, possibly with a solar charging station, new interior and exterior signage, large events.
- NJLA conference: some staff are planning to attend this year (5/30-6/1/24)
- Michael Burns is finalizing the bid of the elevator power system replacement.

- May 18 is the Pride Parade; need numbers for how many will participate.
- New sidewalk has been installed on Lilly Street.
- Our local assemblyman Vernelli has liked us on Facebook.
- We have to decide what to do with Oaxaca Day; no one wants to do something at the same scale as last year. Eliminating mariachis would make it less expensive. Does it make sense to make it more of a Community Day? We need to create an ad hoc committee for this, and soon.

Children’s Librarian Report by Danielle Bey-Mundhenk (submitted via email)

- Bouncy Book Time and Saturday Storytime continue. The Pride month Drag Queen Story Hour is in the works for a date in May.
- LEGO Club continues and has become a Monday evening staple for many kids.
- Family Math Night at the temporary LPS location was a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the school and see many familiar students in the community. We will be participating in Family Literacy Night on April 11 as well.
- We will hopefully be starting a yarn club at the library so that the SHRS D students have a continuation of their school yarn club over the summer.
- Summer Reading planning is underway. Tentative dates are a June 19 kickoff until the August 21 conclusion.

Committee Reports

a. Buildings and Grounds: Did not meet; most items are on hold. We do need to plan a grounds clean-up day soon though. Karen mentioned that the second reading of the bonds did occur; more discussion of the paint colors ensued. SV will approach Councilman Stegman to see if we can have any say in the paint color or design.

b. Community Outreach: Top priorities are: 1) Organizing a thank you party for donors; 2) Also on standby to help with a Community Day; 3) Alyssa from Owowcow has offered to host a fundraiser for the library.

c. Finance (covered above in Treasurer’s Report and budget info)

d. Policy: Did not meet.

e. Strategic Planning: Did not meet.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

New Business

No new business.

No public comment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

