

INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY (IVPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting (BOT)
June 22, 2023

The June BOT Meeting was called to order by Vice President Penny Price at 8:02am.

ATTENDANCE:

Present – Officers- Penny Price, Vice President, Darren Johnson, and Treasurer.
Board Members- Steven Boell; Suzi Leonard; Beth Styer; Betty Linko, Foundation of Friends (FOF) representative; and Margie Stern, Library Director.
Absent Members- Alex Grande, Vivian Herman, Doug Johnson, Wendy Leshinskie
Audience- People from the public

CONSENT AGENDA:

May Meeting Minutes. Penny Price- No additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements- Mr. Darren Johnson. May was a quiet month. Financial statement shows receipts on budget, expenses also on track. Actual deficit for May is \$81K and budget deficit is \$92K.

Director's Report- Ms. Stern reported IVPL welcomed 7,792 Visitors in May. There were 17 pre-K programs, 12 programs for school age children such as Junior Engineers, Lego Club and Maker Monday. 4 teen programs as well as self-directed programs such as 1000 books before Kindergarten and a Star Wars Scavenger Hunt. IVPL hosted the Home Schoolers Science Fair including 3 different grade divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-12 with ribbons for the winners, along with certificates and tokens for the Book Vending Machine. The Spring Reading Challenge added an additional 50 participants.

Margie attended a Facilities Survey initiated by Lower Salford represented by Doug Jones, Head of Public Works. Suzi Leonard also attended. This was a fact-finding meeting only with no commitment from IVPL.

Margie also was guest speaker at the Souderton Telford Rotary Meeting. This group is very supportive of IVPL and agreed to sponsor the 2024 Beer Fest as well as a museum pass.

Monthly Statistics

35,633 both physical and digital items were taken out by patrons in May. Circ is still climbing and way above 2019 visits.

IVPL expects new guests thanks to a summer "Passport Program" where families earn badges for visiting other libraries throughout Montgomery County. Personnel continue with education and training and held an in-service day in May. They have been busy planning for summer programs and doing site visits to promote summer learning

Monthly Report-

June Highlights library cards per municipality as well as listing numbers of cardholders as a percentage of population. Eligibility requirements are explained. Also highlights what parents can do to monitor a child's library card. Note that IVPL database is CLEAN and current as cards are deactivated after 3 years of inactivity.

Motion to approve Consent agenda made by Mrs. Styer with a second by Mr. Darren Johnson. Unanimous approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Facilities- Ms. Leonard. Used Book Sale trailer roof needs another new tarp. Other options are a new \$10K EDPM roof install. Not recommended by roofer but will last longer than tarps. New alternative estimate: Replace the trailer with a new modular metal bldg. by Hoover Building Specialist at an estimate of \$179k. Add 30% to expand beyond current footprint. Note this is not a trailer like a school modular, but a built onsite permanent building. Estimate is all inclusive.

A team including Bryce Mininger, Adam Clemmer (Goods Plumbing) and Randy Bergey (Bergey's electric) gave an estimate of \$35K to convert our Men's and Women's Rooms to gender neutral single washrooms. We have 2 ADA compliant rest rooms currently. This renovation plan does not meet ADA requirements but is just considered a renovation. Current bldg. standards would specify banks of bathrooms which would be a better plan if larger renovation projects are considered in the future.

Foundation of Friends-Ms. Linko. FOF is looking for projects from BOT in order to plan fundraisers for said projects. The FOF recognizes the IV Jr. Women's Club donation of \$4500. FOF recently completed participation in Souderton 3d Friday's event and Telford Marketplace. Concert Sundaes was a success and was also used as a venue to promote Dinner in White. The Foundation has challenged the BOT to create the highest grossing auction basket at the Dinner in White. IVPL Wine Tasting Event will start planning meetings soon. Beerfest 2023 scheduled for June 27th, 2023. FOF focusing on bringing Realtors into the Foundation. 2 new board members joined recently.

Personnel- no report

Strategic/Marketing Plan- Mr. Boell. 5 page Value Statement is complete. Staff review then goes to website. Worked with Margie and Michelle Kane on 1 page document answering questions presented by Franconia. Focus on overall promotion of IVPL. No report on Bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Margie Stern. BOT members should participate in and schedule attendance at municipality budget work sessions beginning in August. Policy workshop may be scheduled as an evening mtg with BOT, available staff and interested public. 2 topics:

1. "How libraries work" Described as a behind the curtain view of Library operations with reports given by staff about different workings of different departments.

2. Policy evening workshop to review policies for BOT and FOF members.

Public comment:

1 comment made commending the State of Illinois' new law to BAN Book bans.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 am with a motion by Mrs. Styer and seconded by Mr. Darren Johnson.

Respectfully submitted by Suzi Leonard in the absence of Wendy Leshinskie, BOT Secretary.

Next IVPL Board of Trustees meeting: July 20, 2023 @8am in the Community Room

Next IVPL Foundation of Friends meeting: July 12, 2023 @ 7:30am

Dinner in White: August 19