

**INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY (IVPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting (BOT)
January 19, 2023**

The January BOT meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Grande at 8:00am.

ATTENDANCE:

Present – Officers- Dr. Alexander Grande, President; Penny Price, Vice President; Wendy Leshinskie, Secretary; Darren Johnson, Treasurer; and Margie Stern, Director.

Board Members- Steven Boell, Doug Johnson, Suzi Leonard, Beth Styer and Bud Leister, FOF representative.

Absent- none

Visitors- Cassie Balzer and Vivian Herman

2023 BOT Slate of Officers unanimously approved on a motion by Ms. Styer and a second by Ms. Leonard are:

Dr. Alexander Grande III- President.
Darren Johnson- Treasurer.

Penny Price- Vice President.
Wendy Leshinskie- Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA:

December Meeting **Minutes-** No additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report/ Financial Statements. 2022 had a \$58,000 deficit mostly due to hiring new personnel and increases in building and maintenance costs.

Director's Report- December was a quiet month due to the holidays.

Operating hours have been cut by 4 hours per week with no ill effects. Miniature golf in the library is scheduled to resume on March 11. There will be activities and snacks (sponsored by the FOF) for children in the Community Room while they wait their turn to play. Special appreciation and recognition goes to Melanie Ford for creating a "reservation station for one of the Children's Room computers to help improve access to the children's special collections (toys, games, and sensory collection). <https://www.ivpl.org/reserve-special-collections>".

Monthly Statistics- Circulation is almost up to 2019 levels while in-person usage is still not at 2019 levels. Library usage often increases in a recession. We will see if there is an impact as our economic struggles continue.

Report to the Municipalities- This report no longer has the "municipal" header so it can be made available at the front desk and online for marketing purposes. New library card online registration is back. It allows 3 months of online usage but Identification must be provided to the library within 3 months for the card to continue to be valid.

Motion was made by Ms. Styer with a second by Mr. Darren Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous Approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Facilities-

Ms. Leonard. Thanks to Nicole Husbands and Kean Leister for connecting with the Souderton Swimmers who helped with cleaning and garden clearing projects during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service day. The facilities 'wish list' will be completed by the end of March. Names of companies that provide fire alarm security were offered to Ms. Leonard who is pursuing changing our current vendor.

Foundation of Friends- Mr. Leister. FOF is supporting Mary Porter in her efforts on the Staff Holiday Celebration.

FOF Executive Officers to be voted in at the February meeting are:

Bud Leister- President. Janelle Adams- Vice President.
Betty Linko- Secretary. Tim Mininger- temporary Treasurer

Pending from the FOF- Annual Report, Annual Budget, Marketing ideas including lawn signs and IVPL 'door hangers' for new residents, FOF Donor Appreciation Event at the end of April or beginning of May, and new FOF representative to the BOT.

Personnel- Dr. Grande. All BOT member's director evaluations are being collated. Results will be given to the BOT for final review before the director's evaluation in March. More Personnel Committee members are being sought.

Strategic Plan- Ms. Stern. Michelle Kane, a communications expert with "Voices Matter" in Telford was contacted to provide a proposal for marketing ideas. The emphasis will be to build community advocacy and outreach messages to help increase library awareness, support, and funding. It is planned that members of the BOT, FOF, and community will be part of this effort.

Nominations Committee- Dr. Grande. Introduction of Ms. Vivian Herman from Salford Township who brings business experience to the BOT. She is being considered as an at-large member. Motion made by Dr. Grande, seconded by Ms. Price to welcome Ms. Herman to the board. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 18-month long **Racial and Diversity Equity** program sponsored by the Bucks-Mont consortium is almost ended. Dr. Grande will be forwarding a link with information he found to be especially helpful. Participating members thought it was especially helpful in bringing together many non-profit community groups to discuss these important topics.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was some discussion about getting the '**Library Task Force Funding Committee**' active once again to address the concerns of municipal funding of IVPL.

Additional members to **Committees:**

Marketing- Mr. Boell, Ms. Herman, Ms. Price

By-Laws- Mr. Boell

Finance- Mr. Darren Johnson

Personnel- Another member or two are being sought

Salford Township Supervisors were contacted about installing a **StoryWalk** at the Tylersport Park. Decision pending.

There being no **public comment**, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Leshinskie

Next IVPL Board meeting: February 16, 2023 at 8:00am in the library's Pennsylvania Room

Next Foundation of Friends: February 8, 2023 at 7:30am in the library's Community Room