

**INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY (IVPL)**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting (BOT)**  
**February 9, 2023**

The February BOT Meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. Grande at 9:00 am.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present** – Officers- Dr. Alexander Grande, President (via Zoom); Penny Price, V. President; Wendy Leshinskie, Secretary; Darren Johnson, Treasurer; and Margie Stern, Library Director.

**Board Members-** Steven Boell, Vivian Herman, Doug Johnson, Suzi Leonard, and Beth Styer,

**Absent-** None

**Audience-** William Ashley, Telford Borough Council President; Kean Leister; and Bud Leister, Foundation of Friends (FOF) representative, and Betty Linko.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**Treasurer's Report/ Financial Statements.**

\$6527.93 receipt in the State Aid line item is actually a reimbursement for the StoryWalk grant. It will be corrected in the March report.

**Director's Report-**

Ms. Stern gave a brief summary of the support shown to the library due to funding cuts. She shared her concern about the mental health of the staff due to negative comments being circulated in the community about IVPL. With this in mind, in addition to the learning portion of the upcoming **staff meeting** she hopes to include some 'fun' by adding 'Quizzo' to test staff knowledge. Dr. Grande suggested the BOT think of other ways to thank our staff during **National Library Week**, April 23-29, 2023. Due to budget cuts some **magazine subscriptions** have not been renewed resulting in some patron complaints.

**Monthly Statistics-**

These statistics are required by the state to document IVPL usage of state funds.

The Children's Programs saw an increase in numbers due to "Crafernoon", a YouTube program going viral. Registration for some children's programs is no longer required and will be reflected in those statistics.

**Report to the Municipalities-**

The January report is a review of 2022 highlighting: statistics, the Strategic Plan, installation of StoryWalk® at Alderfer Park in Lower Salford Twp., and technology upgrades in the Community Room. This report is now also available to the public at the front desk.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Facilities-**

FC continues working with our local service vendors for estimates for repair, refresh or replace estimates. Some repairs must happen sooner due to safety concerns. The full report may be available at the April meeting.

### **Foundation of Friends-**

Mr. Leister will no longer be the FOF representative to the BOT. He introduced Ms. Betty Linko who will take over this role. Her report included new FOF Board members Stephanie Feretti and Shawna Boell with a few more individuals to be approved. FOF is working on supporting three upcoming events: IVPL's Dinner In White, Miniature Golf in the library, and Concert Sundaes. It is also finalizing an open house Donor Appreciation - event on April 26 from 4:00p- 7:00p at the Rising Sun Inn for donors who have supported the library at a \$250 + level for the last three years. The Travel House is the first sponsor for this event for \$1500.

### **Personnel-**

Dr. Grande. Ms. Stern has received the BOT's evaluation of her work. A meeting is scheduled for February 23 with the Personnel Committee to discuss the evaluation.

### **Strategic/Marketing Plan-**

Ms. Stern- Ms. Stern and Ms. Kane are still trying to define the scope of the outreach communications and marketing work for the staff and BOT in the Marketing Plan. BOT members on this committee: Mr. Boell, Ms. Herman, and Ms. Price. FOF members yet to be selected. The committee members will select a date in early March to begin this discussion.

### **By-Laws Committee-**

Mr. Boell. The By-Laws were last updated in 2013. Mr. Boell will provide a rough draft of suggested changes in about 2 months for the BOT to review.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Stern. Due to time constraints Salford Township Supervisors were unable to approve the installation of a **StoryWalk** at the Tylersport Park. Ms. Stern will apply for another grant option when it becomes available. She was able to apply for a smaller amount which will cover cost to purchase books, for copying and lamination for the existing StoryWalk in Alderfor Park.

### **Task Force Funding Committee.**

Mr. Doug Johnson. This group, originally composed of representatives from the 6 Souderton Area School municipalities and the Souderton Area School Board agreed to financially support the library. There was no written agreement concerning this support. There is some thought by the BOT that this committee could be reenergized as a forum for library funding discussions by the municipalities. Doug Gifford, former Lower Salford supervisor and former chair of the Task Force. Lower Salford is very supportive of IVPL.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Stern will make an application for a **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA)** grant for operational expenses. IVPL is very appreciative of the \$5000 it has received for each of the past three years from this organization.

Souderton Borough Council **library tour** is being planned. An invitation should be issued to all the municipalities to do the same.

**IVPL's response** to community comments was discussed. When finalized it will be placed on our website, Facebook page, emails to patrons and advocates, as well as to the municipalities. Motion by Mr. Boell seconded by Ms. Leshinskie to authorize Dr. Grande, Ms. Price and Ms. Stern to work on the suggested revised wording before making it public.

There being no **public comment**, the meeting adjourned at 9:50am to go into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Boell with a second from Ms. Styer at 10:13am.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Leshinskie

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

**Mini-Golf:** March 11 10:00-2:00.

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