

**INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY (IVPL)**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting (BOT)**  
**March 16, 2023**

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

**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, Suzi Leonard, and Betty Linko, Foundation of Friends (FOF) representative.

**Absent Members-** Vivian Herman, Doug Johnson, and Beth Styer.

**Audience-** William Ashley, Telford Borough Council President; and Kean Leister

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes-** No additions or corrections.

**Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements-** Mr. Darren Johnson. Contracted Services line items are higher than budgeted due to salting for minor snow events, price increases, and the payment of annual service contracts. He is watching PPL charges since the bill was higher than usual last month.

**Director's Report-** Ms. Stern. Highlights in the report include between 700- 800 participants in the library for the Mini Golf Event on March 11. Other March activities include the Souderton Area School Student Art Show, DeVal Live Animal Table Talks for the children, and Backyard Bouquets for beginning gardeners. It was suggested that another day/evening of Miniature Golf for young adults or adults be offered while the course is still set-up. Could be a fundraising event. Planning for the autumn Truck-A-Palooza will begin shortly. The Telford Borough Council Solicitor made a request for a library response to misinformation circulating concerning the banning of books. After a discussion it was decided Margie would create a factual sheet to give to all council/township officials of the library's supporting municipalities concerning ALA standards and how books are selected, philosophy about public library objectives, and policies IVPL has in place for processing requests to delete books from the collections. It was suggested we place our policies on a link from our website. William Ashley was asked to extend an invitation and select a date for a Telford Borough Council group tour and discussion at the library.

**Monthly Statistics-** ILLs are down because some libraries still are not making their books available for loans.

**Report to the Municipalities-** This report is also available to the public at the Front Desk.

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

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Facilities-** Ms. Leonard. PP&L will conduct an energy efficiency audit of our building next Wednesday. Cd3, a Fort Washington company was contacted about our alarm system, cameras, the cost of a maintenance contract, and energy efficiency possibilities. Ms. Leonard attended the State of PA webinar on updates to the COSTAR program, a Commonwealth cooperating purchasing program of which IVPL is a member. COSTAR has pre-negotiated state contracts. IVPL may be able to use for future work. Emergency repairs were made in the Used Book Sale Trailer when it was discovered 12 shelves had become unattached from the walls. Patch and paint work and the removal of some periodical shelving is being planned in the Lewis McLean Reading Room in preparation for new furnishings, light fixtures, and the upcoming Naming Wall.

**Foundation of Friends-** Ms. Linko. The FOF annual appeal will be mailed in April along with a brochure and letter including FOF accomplishments and the names of board members. Promotional materials have been renewed at Broad Street Theater and the baseball field across from the post office. Three new people have been interviewed and approved as FOF Board members. There is one more person pending. The Donor Appreciation invitations for the event on April 26 at the Rising Sun Inn will be mailed this week. FOF will also handle the Library Workers Day recognition on April 26. After the BOT has reviewed its By-Laws the FOF will do the same for its By-Laws. Shawna Boell is the DIW chair. A 2024 Beer Fest event with a goal of \$30,000 profit will be planned hopefully with the partnership of the Rotary Club.

**Personnel-** Dr. Grande. No report.

**Strategic/Marketing Plan-** Mr. Boell. The work of the Strategic Planning Committee is finished. Moving forward the Marketing Committee be reporting. The committee had their first meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**By-Laws Committee-** Mr. Boell. The suggested revisions will hopefully be ready by the second quarter.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No business.

**Public comment** by Kean Leister stated appreciation to Margie for her support to the staff during these public discussions concerning library funding and inappropriate books in the collection. Talking points for our volunteers sharing information with the public may be needed. (Some volunteers don't understand the various issues.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:55am on a motion by Mr. Darren Johnson and a second from Ms. Price.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Leshinskie

**Next IVPL Board meeting:** April 20, 2023 at 8:00am in the library's Pennsylvania Room  
**Next Foundation of Friends:** April 12, 2023 at 7:30am in the library's Community Room