



**INDIAN VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
Board of Trustees Meeting October 21, 2021

Call to order: Alexander Grande, IVPL Board President, called the October 21 meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8 AM.

Present – Cassie Balzer, Alexander Grande, Darren Johnson, Wendy Leshinskie, Suzi Leonard, Margie Stern, JoAnne Strom, and Victor Verbeke. Guest - Bud Leister, FOF, and staff - Jonathan Leister and Robbie Fischer

Absent Beth Styer

Auditor Greg presented the 2021 Darren Johnson moved to approve the audit and Penny Price seconded. The motion carried unanimously

Dr Grande recognized Robbie and Jonathan awards granted by the PaLA for their achievements Robbie and Nicole Husbands both received best Practices Awards- Nicole for Preschool Presentation and Robbie for the design and display category

Minutes of the September 16 meeting were reviewed. Penny Price amended minutes to reflect her presence. Wendy Leshinskie made the motion to approve amended minutes, Darren seconded, and the motion was approved.

Reports:

- Treasurer's Report/ Financial Statements
  - Municipal monies received.
  - Expenses in line. 3 pay month.
  - Public funds used for roof repair.
  
- Director's Report
  - Teen and adult programs continue to be held virtually. Children's programs are held both virtually and in-person.
  - IVPL reached out to the community through newsletters, social media, and community events.
  - IVPL received 2<sup>nd</sup> Montco Strong Grant of \$17,000
  - Halloween collaborative event with the Mennonite Heritage Center
  - More outside activities being scheduled
  
- Monthly Statistics
  - Circulation of materials, both physical and digital, continue to increase. Circulation up 43% from last year at this time.

- Library visitation has declined about 40% since 2019, but has increased over 2020
- Report to the Municipalities – focus on “Banned Book Week” with a statement reiterating the IVPL position on the issue.

#### Committee Reports

- Facilities – Ongoing service contract with Banes was signed for quarterly inspections. Dr Grande thanked Suzi Leonard and her committee in bringing roof repairs to fruition.
- Foundation of Friends - Bud Leister
  - 9090 (tax form) approved Total assets= \$251,000
  - Working on thanking patrons for all contributions and certain level of contributions 7:30-9:00 thank you event at IVPL
- Personnel
  - Elizabeth Anderson was hired as a Part-Time Librarian.
  - Lindsay Blaschke was hired as a Page. Interviews continue in search of one additional page and a Part-Time Assistant Librarian.
  - Raises awarded to circulation staff

#### Old Business

- Keystone Grant/celebration – representatives from the state and local government came and inspected project (roof). Low key celebration of project completion.
- Racial Equity Committee – training program for the IVPL being a hub for equity in the community. Training will last 18-24 months.
- Strategic Plan needs review in 2022

#### New Business

- Resolution, identifying and authorizing the administrator (Superintendent, Executive Director, CEO, etc.) to sign electronic agreements with the PA Department of Education (PDE). Darren Johnson moved to accept the resolution and Penny Price seconded. The motion approved
- Plans for State aid – Wendi Leshinskie moved to accept the Application and Plan for use of state aid. Darren Johnson seconded. The motion was approved by Board.

#### Public Comment Adjournment

Bud Leister passed on praise by VNA of the IVPL

Wendi Leshinskie moved for adjournment Penny Price seconded the motion. The motion was approved at 9:04

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Balzer, Secretary

Next Meeting: November 18, 2021 (In Person- no zoom)