

**Indian Valley Public Library (IVPL) Board of Trustees Meeting (BOT)**  
**December 21, 2023**

An Executive BOT meeting was held from 7:33a- 7:50a for Personnel matters.

The December BOT meeting was called to order at 8:01a by the Chair, Dr. Alexander Grande.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present** – Officers- Dr. Alexander Grande, Chair; Ms. Penny Price, Vice Chair; Darren Johnson, Treasurer; and Wendy Leshinskie, Secretary.

**Board Members-** Janelle Adams; Steven Boell, Doug Johnson; Suzi Leonard, Beth Styer. Margie Stern, Library Director and Stephanie Ferretti, Foundation of Friends (FOF) representative.

**Audience-** People from the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Minutes** from the November meeting. Ms. Leshinskie made corrections as follows: **Mr.** from *Ms.* Darren Johnson in the 2024 Draft Budget under New Business and **board** from *boards* in the Public Comment by Ms. Farina.

**Treasurer's Report/Financial Statements-** Mr. Darren Johnson. Reminded the BOT of the upcoming 2024 automatic monthly withdrawals from Interest into our operating fund.

**Director's Report-** Ms. Stern. Written report presented without comment.

**Monthly Report.** Ms. Stern. Written report presented without comment.

**Report to Municipalities.** Ms. Stern. Written report presented without comment.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Facilities-** Ms. Leonard. Written report presented without comment.

**Foundation of Friends-** Mr. Leister. Highlights of its Annual Report included: colored pie chart indicating income sources, projected participation in the Souderton Concert Sundaes again in 2024, support and participation in Landis Markets' reopening of Shelly Road block party, and the upcoming 2024 Beer Fest in cooperation with the Rotary. For 2024 it is anticipated that projects being funded by donations made to FOF will be advertised/highlighted.

**Strategic/Marketing Plan-** Ms. Michelle Kane, marketing consultant from VoiceMatters, LLC presented her findings. IVPL is encouraged to continue to "Tell Its Story" internally with the staff promoting events and externally with social media and website presences as well as telling one and all that "It's at the Library!" (Events, information, gatherings, meetings...). She reminded us to talk about ourselves more. How to implement the points from the plan? Address the areas of most pain, the easiest things to do, and designate a point person to organize the task(s), and implement a content calendar. Appoint a sub-committee to maintain contact with all the points

**Nominations Committee-** Elise Bowers was introduced as the new nomination to the Board of Trustees.

**By-Laws Committee-** Mr. Boell. No report.

**Policies-** Mr. Boell. Collection Development policy will be ready for another review at our January meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Darren Johnson.  
2024 Budget vote.

Motion was made by Ms. Adams with a second by Ms. Styer to approve the 2024 Budget. Unanimous Approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2024 Calendar-** Holiday Dates are the same as 2023. Approved.

Accepted resignations of Darren Johnson and Wendy Leshinskie with commendations by local representatives read aloud followed by standing ovations.

Elise Bowers approved as the BOT member with a motion made by Ms. Leonard and a second by Ms. Price. Unanimous approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Farina expressed gratitude to all the members for all they do to support her personally and her involvement in the community and to provide interesting and informative meetings.

As outgoing president, Dr. Grande is pleased with the leadership succession in place and the new board set to take over at the January 2024 meeting. The BOT thanked him for his years of guidance and direction and wished him full recovery of his health issues.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38a on a motion by Ms. Leshinskie and a second by Mr. Darren Johnson. Unanimous approval. BOT, FOF and the public enjoyed a Continental Breakfast provided by the FOF.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Leshinskie, Secretary

**Foundation of Friends Meeting: January 10** at 7:30a in the Community Room.  
**Board of Trustees Meeting: January 18** at 8:00a in the Community Room.