

November 18, 2024



A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library commenced at 4:30 PM, Nancy Campbell, President, presiding.

Present: Nancy Campbell, Michel Micozzi, Kaitlin Daley, Zelda Yoder, Keith Mooney, Anthony Orozco, Sherry Cameron, Alfonso Pena, Renee Dietrich, Jerry Richter, Chris Phillips, Warren Weik, Melissa Adams and Vicky Fuller.

Absent: Alan Carman, Julie Becker, Salvadore Sepulveda, Excused.

Guests: Marissa Guidara and Carolyn Spano.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Motion to approve the October Minutes was made by Warren Weik and seconded by Michel Micozzi. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Chris Phillips reviewed the income for 2024 and mentioned that we received the 2023 District funds in January 2024 and fiscal year 24-25 in August 2024. Expenses shows the transfers back to investments that was taken at the end of 2023. Currently the market is up on investments. Motion to accept the October Treasurer's report was made by Renee Dietrich and seconded by Kaitlin Daley. Accepted.

Director's Report: Melissa Adams reported that the NW Circulation desk has been installed and looks amazing. We are thankful to the city for their help in funding (through CDBG grants) and acquiring this desk. On Wednesday, November 27 at 1 pm we will have the presentation of the William Penn Collection books on loan from the UK until 2025. Following this presentation Tony Jones will be presenting representatives from the City EMS unit with some items from the UK. 12 Days of Crafting starts on December 2 at the Main Library. This series of crafting runs from December 2 – 18. Details regarding the schedule and crafts can be found on our website. We will be hosting a Walk-in Passport event on Saturday December 14 from 10-3 pm at the Main Library.

Marissa Guidara reported for the District Libraries. They had two successful programs, Library Day was held at Blue Marsh Lake and about 120 patrons from across the district joined us for story times, yard games, strolls through the sensory trail, and ranger-led hikes to the lake's shore. Marissa also arranged for a special training at the Reading Public Museum on how libraries can utilize the museum as a resource for their programs and patrons. Wendy Koller, the museum's director of education, provided the training to 14 librarians.

Library Services: Zelda Yoder reported that the committee is meeting this Wednesday, November 20, to complete the review of policies. Policies will be sent out prior to the December meeting.

Facilities: Michel Micozzi reported that no committee meeting was held in October. He is planning a trip within the next two weeks to Alvernia and Penske to look at available furniture they are donating.

Finance: Chris Phillips reported the committee met today prior to the board meeting to review the 2025 preliminary budget. The committee will have a draft to present at the December meeting.

Personnel: Keith Mooney state the committee did not meet but will be scheduling a meeting.

Strategic Planning: Melissa Adams stated that Julia Becker is working with several companies and has 4 proposal. The committee will plan to meet with each company and have a recommendation to present in the near future.

Advancement: Renee Dietrich reported that we have received \$401,675 year to date in our fundraising efforts. Carolyn gave a summary of the annual appeal and that the Library Company met last week.

Unfinished Business: Renee Dietrich mentioned that there are currently two vacancies on the board for 2025. One with the country and one with the Library Company. We are looking for someone that has a Human Resources background to fill one of the vacancies.

Kaitlin Daley reported two potential attorneys were interviewed. Both interviewed very well. The RFP committee recommends Mays Rotenberg to be our new solicitor in 2025. Motion to approve Mays Rotenberg as our new solicitor and any open matters be completed by our current solicitor, by Keith Mooney and seconded by Zelda Yoder. Kaitlin Daley will refrain from the vote. Approved.

New Business: None

Zelda's Trivia Question: What is the oldest continuous published periodical in the U.S.?

What is the oldest continuously published magazine in the United States? Answer: Scientific American. Its first issue was published on August 28, 1845

Motion to enter Executive Session at 4:58 was made by Keith Mooney and seconded by Kaitlin Daley. Approved

Motion to exit the Executive Session at 5:05 was made by Keith Mooney and seconded by Renee Dietrich. Approved

Motion to adjourn was made by Keith Mooney and seconded by Anthony Orozco. Approved

Respectfully submitted as drafted by Vicky Fuller,


Kaitlin Daley
Secretary