



April 15, 2013

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:00 PM Southeast Branch Library located at 1426 Perkiomen Ave. Reading, PA, Renee Dietrich, President, presiding.

Present: Renee Dietrich, Ernie Schlegel, Frank Kasprowicz, Heather Hanna, Stephanie Towles, Paul Hoh, Johnny Cepeda, Greg Knies, Jonathan Zeigler, Henriette Alban

Absent: Ryan Breisch, Robin Costenbader-Jacobson, Justin Bodor; all excused.

Guests: Kate Thornton

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion was made by Heather Hanna to approve the March minutes. Seconded by Ernie Schlegel. Approved

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Jonathan Zeigler to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Stephanie Towles. Accepted.

Director's Report: Copies of the Director's Report were made available along with additional handouts. Samples of Kutztown artwork was available to review for potential new programming logo. Frank has placed several calls with the City and County looking for storage space the library could use during the renovation. There was a security camera malfunction of the DVR at Main, but it has been repaired.

Library Services: A special called meeting regarding circulation of materials and a policy on getting items returned will be scheduled.

Facilities: A meeting was held with the City of Reading and Burkey Construction on April 2nd in regards to the renovations. Discussion regarding space issues, the shifting of items and potentially locating space to run a small circulation operating during the closure was entertained.

Finance: The Finance Committee explained how donations received by the Foundation are used for collection development and invoices for purchases are paid from the Foundation. Questions arose after the Annual Report was published in the March edition of *PAGES*, that the amount of "gifts" on the Annual Report did not reflect the total of patron donations listed on the previous pages. The explanation was that the Annual Report only reflects the Library's General Fund and not the financials of the Foundation. The decision was made to include a total received via donations to the Foundation on a separate space of the *PAGES* to eliminate any future misunderstanding.

Future funding for the library was also discussed.

Personnel: No Report

Development: A report of activities was supplied by Kate Thornton. An update on Cocktails and Classics was provided. Young Poets will be held on May 2nd at the Miller Center. A Legislative Breakfast has been planned for May 2nd at the Main library. Upcoming Franklin Institute Traveling Science shows will be held at the branches. There will be a special program to kickoff the Summer Reading Program as well as the 100th Anniversary of the building on June 8th. A Summer Reading Program banner will be ordered to hang on the outside of the Main library.

Strategic Planning: No Report.

Unfinished Business: In order to make cost effective decisions during the upcoming renovations at the Main library it was decided that a Renovations Committee be formed to discuss the need of storage, how personnel can be scheduled to work at other locations as well as the potential costs involved with moving and storing of items and the increased hours of operation at the branch libraries. The committee will consist of Jonathan Zeigler, Stephanie Towles, Henriette Alban and Johanny Cepeda.

New Business: No new business was entertained.

Motion to adjourn by Heather Hanna and seconded by Henriette Alban. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie Towles,
Vice President