

## **READING PUBLIC LIBRARY**

March 19, 2012

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:00 PM at the 113 South Fourth Street location with Ernie Schlegel, President, presiding.

**Present:** Ernie Schlegel, Paul Hoh, Henriette Alban, Renee' Dietrich, Jonathan Zeigler, Stephanie Towles, Ryan Breisch, Justin Bodor, Doris Leisawitz, Pat Cavanaugh, and Frank Kasprowicz

**Absent:** Greg Knies, Heather Hanna

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Doris Leisawitz noted that she was not present at the previous meeting, so she did not second the motion to adjourn. Paul Hoh moved, Doris Leisawitz seconded the motion to accept the February minutes as amended. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion was made by Jonathan Zeigler and seconded by Paul Hoh to accept the February Treasurer's Report. Passed.

**Director's Report:** Copies of the Director's Report were made available along with additional handouts. Frank reminded the Board about the Lehigh Valley Public Library Region Workshop for Boards, Directors and Friends on March 31. The topic is "The Big Picture – Who Needs Libraries."

A note of appreciation was received from Kathleen Behm regarding the assistance she received from the Reference Department.

The Library staff has investigated the cost of a new camera security system. Bids were distributed for the Board's information. This matter was referred to the Facilities Committee for recommendation to the Board.

The statistics report shows a marked increase in circulation the first two months of 2012 compared to the first two months of 2011.

**Library Services:** No report

**Facilities:** Report given by Henriette Alban. Seiler and Drury Architecture is working on a proposal for the interior and exterior work for the Main branch as well as the windows at the Northeast and Southwest branches.

Still waiting on HARB regarding the banner artwork for the front of Main.

Public Works fixed the door and put a lock on the box in the boiler room.

**Finance:** No report

**Personnel:** No report

**Development:** A report of activities was supplied by Kate Thornton. Renee' Dietrich mentioned the upcoming events including the Friendraiser, Jazz Fest and Cocktails and Classics. We are in need of silent auction items for Cocktails and Classics. Kate is finalizing details.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** A letter has been drafted and will be sent to all Berks County Representatives and Senators regarding Governor Corbett's proposed cuts to library services.

Motion to adjourn by Stephanie Towles, seconded by Renee' Dietrich. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Breisch  
Secretary