

Mission: Adamstown Area Library serves as a vibrant community hub utilizing extensive resources to provide innovative programming and services that engage and educate residents of all ages and cultures.

Adamstown Area Library Trustees Meeting Minutes March 8, 2023

In Attendance:

Board: Jessica McManimen, Cindy Mellinger, Hope Schmids, Curt Unruh, JJ Valerio, Anne Williams

Staff: Carolyn Reiste, Maribeth Donohue

Friends: Ronnie Heston

Guest:

The meeting was held at the library and was called to order at 6:31 PM by Anne Williams.

Secretary's Report was presented by Hope Schmids. **Motion to accept: Cindy Mellinger, Jess McManimen Approved.**

Treasurer's Report was presented by Carolyn Reiste. Brecknock paid 2022 contribution 1st week of January 2023. Extra Give funds received. **Motion to accept: Hope Schmids, Jess McManimen. Approved.**

Available check signers for 2023 are Jess McManimen, JJ Valerio, and Carolyn Reiste. **Motion to accept: Cindy Mellinger, Anne Williams. Approved.** Carolyn will email them about coming in for signature or e-signing, if permitted.

Friends' Report was presented by Ronnie Heston. Tickets are still available for March 19 Basket Bingo. Weekly book sales have resumed every Tuesday. Twenty-third annual Author Talk will take place on April 13 at Calvary Church, featuring Robert Dugoni. Proceeds benefit all Lancaster County libraries.

The Director's Report was presented by Carolyn Reiste. The cost of interlibrary delivery (Way) is increasing. Discussion about whether we can advocate for county to pick up cost and whether another provider of this service is an option. Carolyn will inquire about advocacy options.

Two open staff positions: Heide Engle will return to fill one and Carolyn interviewed candidate for the other, so hopefully fully staffed again soon. Thank you to Cindy Mellinger, as BRC will again provide free tickets to two community events:

- June 18 Reading Phillies Father's Day
- August 3 Barnstormer night

Motion to accept Director's report: Hope Schmids, Curt Unruh. Approved.

New Business

- JJ Valerio announced he will leave board at end of current term due to upcoming role as President of Lions Club.
- Curt Unruh announced date of Denver Cruise Night May 19 from 5-9 PM. Will AAL again have a Boehringer's ice cream table? Checking board and staff availability.

Old Business

- **Food & Wine Update** – Hope Schmids gave brief progress report. Event will take place at IronSpire in Adamstown on **Thursday, May 18 from 5:30 – 9:30 PM**. We just received pricing from Chef John Moeller today. Committee will review and minimize costs where we can before signing agreements with Chef and venue. Both are providing significant discounts to support this event and Chef Moeller’s notoriety is a big advantage in promoting this event even beyond our core supporters. Tickets will be \$125 per person.
- **Nominating Committee** – Cindy Mellinger presented Maia Hession for board membership Anne Williams reported meeting with Maia, who is enthusiastic about joining board. **Motion to accept: Hope Schmids, Curt Unruh. Approved.** Anne will inform Maia and Carolyn will arrange onboarding before the April board meeting. Another candidate, Phil Frederick of Denver Meats, met with Cindy and Carolyn. Cindy will follow-up with him. We should continue to recruit board members, given how long the process takes.
- **Golf Outing/Hole Sponsors** – Anne Williams opened discussion of how to maximize profits from this event. Mitch suggested we greatly increase number of hole sponsors. Much discussion of other organizations’ golf events ensued. Organizations with large event committees have resources to aggressively pursue hole sponsors. JJ Valerio suggested our registration fee is too low for all that we provide. He recommended increasing it from \$90 to \$100. All in attendance supported this change. This will be presented to Golf Outing committee as an easy way to raise an additional \$1200, based on 120 golfers. We will still attempt to secure additional hole sponsors. The board also recommends having only one sponsor per sign with no “doubling up” out of respect for sponsors.

3 Points from staff to board:

1. Heidi Engle rejoining library staff.
2. 3D printer has arrived, thanks to a \$750 donation from the Friends.
3. Cocalico Title 1 reading and math skills event on February 23 served 60 families and was a big success.

3 Points from board to staff:

1. New board member Maia Hession will join in April.
2. Food & Wine event on Thursday, May 18 at IronSpire.
3. Denver Cruise Night on May 19 from 5-9.

Motion to adjourn: JJ Valerio, Jess McManimen. Approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Hope Schmids, Secretary – AAL Board of Trustees