**RACHEL KOHL COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**September 23, 2024, 6:30 PM**

Present: Jen Panaro, Kathy Gorman, Nicholas Altamuro, Jim Breen, Garrick Weaver, Angela Horstmann, Susan Sternberg, Jean MacKenzie, Saleem Shaik

Absent: Debbie Miller

Public: Nick Fuller (Chadds Ford), Stephanie DerOhannessian (Bethel)

Call to Order:

1. Minutes: Jean called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. Motion to approve August 2024 minutes. Garrick motioned to approve; Jen seconded; unanimously approved.

2. Director’s Report: See attached

3. Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve August 2024 financials, discuss reports, Infinite Giving. Jim motioned to approve the financials; Kathy seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

4. DCL: Meetings, 6:30 - 2024 Meetings at the Government Center in Media:

- Oct. 17th – Debbie Miller and Dec. 19th

5. Communications & Announcements - None

6. Committee Reports:

Fundraising – September 18, 2024 Dinner and Raffle baskets

Strategic Plan - Committee members Susan, Jean, Angela and Kathy.

Any ideas or goals for a 5-10 year plan should be shared with the committee as soon as possible

Garden Club – Will be looking at a date in late October to work on Fall clean up and planting. Attended a Parks and Rec meeting for Concord Township to discuss Community gardens (will discuss at next meeting)

Trustee reports from attendance at municipal meetings

7. Old Business:

Solar panels – will discuss at next meeting; likely may look at including sustainability in the long term plan.

EV Charger

8. New Business: None

9. Public Comment: Nick Fuller shared a thank you to the board and the library employees for all they do for the library.

10. Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:18pm

NEXT RKCL BOARD MEETING – October 28, 2024

**Board Terms:**

**Bethel**- Garrick Weaver 06/15/2022-12/31/2025 Angela Horstmann 03/2024 – 12/31/2025

**Chadds Ford**- Jennifer Panaro 01/01/2020-12/31/2024

**Chester Heights**- Deborah Miller 01/25/2021- 01/25/2027

**Concord-** Saleem Shaik11/07/2018 - 02/07/2026, Jim Breen 12/18/2023-12/17/2026,

Kathy Gorman12/18/2023-12/17/2026, Nicholas Altamuro 12/18/2023-12/17/2026 Saleem Shaik, 117/2018-**Thornbury**- Jean MacKenzie 10/15/2017-10/15/2026

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT – September 2024**

**SMITHBRIDGE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

No news

**FACILITIES**

Everything is fine. Knock on wood.

You may notice that a lot of trees have been taken down around our building. The township is prepping for the new sidewalk/trail. They have agreed to remove all the lower dead branches of our evergreen, but say they would need a bucket truck to take the whole thing down since it is so close to the building. Also, they have closed the parking lot at the park/playground to expand it and repave it. That means our lot will be really full. The township put up signs directing people to walk around the left side of the building to get to the park, rather than through the parking lot to the right.

**DINNER/RAFFLE**

Such a success! We sold 64 tickets with 60 attendees. $3500 profit. I think we should plan on returning to the Crown next year. No final count on raffle ticket sales, but it is well over $1,000. Thank you to one and all.

Fun story: Concord Community Days was a big success. We sold over $400 of raffle tickets and signed up 5 new cards. One of the raffle baskets was won by a new cardholder. I don’t know which she and her daughter were more excited about!

**ANNUAL APPEAL**

The letter should go out in a little less than 3 weeks. I am recreating the mailing list by deleting anyone who hasn’t given in 4 years and adding almost 2200 new people who purchased homes in the last 4 years. The appeal will also be on our website and in the next 3 months’ newsletters.

**BENEFITS**

The benefits plans were set up, employees notified and those affected or wanted to, signed up. The process was relatively easy. They go into effect October 1.