

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR
THE BETHEL PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

The September Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Bethel Park Public Library was held on November 7, 2024. M. Moore called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

The following were in attendance:

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| Andy Amrhein | Christine McIntosh, Director |
| Gina Brownfield | Kim Turner, BPSD Liaison |
| Jason Flinn | Joe Janosik, Municipal Liaison |
| Ryan Freytag | |
| Britney Hollick | |
| Al Levine | |
| Mary Alice Moore | |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Moore moved to have the minutes of the September 2024 meeting approved; second by Mr. Levine. Minutes approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Ms. Moore will be rotating off the board at the end of 2024. She will continue to work with the Friends of the Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The September 2024 financial report and balance sheet were reviewed. Motion to accept the July 2024 financial report and balance sheet made by Mr. Levine; second by Mr. Amrhein. Motion approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. McIntosh reviewed the Director's Report noting that the library raised a total of \$35,305.09 during Love Your Library Month in September with \$17,265.32 of those funds qualifying for the countywide match. The match received was \$3,531.09. Countywide, funds raised increased 30% overall with 14.5% increase in qualifying funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. McIntosh stated that Ms. Jessica DiPrampero has expressed interest in returning to the Library Board in 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Levine with a second from Mr. Amrhein to move \$100,000 from the Brentwood Checking account to the Dollar Bank Checking account. Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Amrhein reviewed the final report for the 2024 Golf Outing noting that each of the BP

Fantastic Four organizations received \$7,265.65. Tickets will go on sale by the end of November for the BP Fantastic Four Charities Bourbon, Beans & Vino fundraiser and Chili Cook-off. Registration for Chili Cook-off is available on the Library's website.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Ms. Moore noted that the Friends book sale raised \$1,100 and, although attendance was down, the Yinzers event raised \$3,939. The Friends will be hosting a Designer Bag Bingo in April 2025. The Friends made a donation of \$16,811 to the Library during LYL Month in September.

MUNICIPAL REPORT:

Mr. Janosik reported that Council has been having budget meetings. The 2025 budget is expected to be approved at the Council Meeting on Monday, November 11th with no increase in Municipal tax rate.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT:

Ms. Turner reported that playoff football will be live streamed on BPTV and that sponsors have covered the cost of broadcasting the games. Winter sports will be starting. BPSD received a 1.7M state grant to help with the cost of replacing the roof at Independence Middle School.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2025 draft budget was presented with the top strategic initiatives identified as handicapped accessible entrances to the Library and possibly the Youth Services Department and acoustical damping in the main part of the Library. Mr. Amrhein made a motion to accept the 2025 draft budget; seconded by Mr. Levine. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into executive session to determine the 2025 salary of the Executive Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Library will close at 5PM on Wednesday, November 27th and be closed on Thursday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday. The Library will be closed on December 24th & 25th for the Christmas holiday. The Library will be closed on December 31 & January 1st for the New Year holiday.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Flinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Mr. Levine. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 PM.