

January 16, 2017 Minutes  
Western Allegheny Community Library  
Board of Trustee Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance: Patty Giura, Kathy Bartha, Pam Perry, Barb Piskorik, Terri Conosciuto, Tim O'Sullivan, Loretta Hennemuth, Michelle Presutti, Amanda Kirby and Ron Graziani.

Special Guest: Joe Kuklis, Library advocate for ACLA met with us to discuss municipal relationships and grant funding. Joe assists ACLA in both a lobbying and public policy role and assists with grant applications. ACLA is there to help us with our municipal opportunities and problems. They can assist us in strategy for better relationships with our municipalities and in helping the municipalities to better understand the value of libraries. They can also help us look for grants and review grants we write. Joe will send us a list of foundations he thinks we might want to try for grants. He suggested adding local letters of support to our grant applications. He also suggested we try Rice Energy, Shell, Chevron, and EQT for grants in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Report of President: Pam Perry began her new term as President. She discussed defining the roll of the board as our library changes. She would like to spend time throughout the year making the board's role more effective. She read a defination of a board's role as to make sure funds are available and to ensure that the funds available are used well. Pam will also send out a list of committee members before the next meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda: motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Terri Conosciuto and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Bartha. Motion Passed.

Library Director's Report:

-Amanda reviewed with us that some other libraries are eliminating renewal limits. There was discussion that a person would then never have to return a book. We determined that we would monitor how this policy goes with other libraries before making a decision.

-The Mad Mex event is set for November 7th. Barb and Loretta agreed to Co-chair the event.

-Discover is the theme for the library this year.

-Each month we will have an education portion of the Director's Report. We may have quizzes on library functions and activities.

-Amanda asked us to fill out a media report on three other libraries to give her ideas of what we like in their social media.

-We discussed the use of paperless registration where we will fill out a registration for the patron from their ID without a registration card. They sign on a signature pad, eliminating saving paper registrations.

Committee Reports:

WAFEL: No Report.

Fundraising: Interviews are being held for a new development assistant Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Building and Grounds: Baffles have been installed in the warehouse. We are working on an agreement with the township regarding the sewer tap in. There is also a problem with the security lights not staying on. Amanda will try to resolve this issue.

Budget: No Report.

Governance: Tim will put together a list of the terms of the board members.

New Business: Ron Graziani has not renewed his appointment with the board so Findlay Township will be appointing a new representative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be February 20, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Giura