

Huntingdon Valley Library

Board of Trustees

September 17, 2009

The Huntingdon Valley Library Board of Trustees met on September 17, 2009 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the library for the regular monthly meeting.

Attending:	Jack Bernstein	Josh Goldman	Marianne Nolan	Bob Rubin
	Marilyn Rubin	Marybeth Summerlin	Judy Trichon	Michael Zeitzer
	Michele Weinstein	Linday Yerkees		
	Vijaya Karnik	Tetjana Danyliw	Essie Mager	
Not Attending:	Jack Glass	Eleanor Schneider		

President Josh Goldman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Michael Zeitzer, seconded by Jack Bernstein to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

2. President's Report– Josh Goldman

Chuck Miller has informed the Board that he is unable to complete his term and has resigned. The Board will consider lowering the number of members of the Board from the current 10 to a lower number to avoid being out of compliance with state codes. Jack Bernstein will present a new amendment to the Board at the October meeting.

Michael Zeitzer and I will present the 2010 budget to the Board of Commissioners on September 30th.

3. Staff Reports: Vijaya Karnik, Tetjana Danyliw, Essie Mager
Nancy Hensler (report submitted)

Vijaya reported that at the end of the year the public workstations and server will be removed from the MCLINC system. The workstations belong to HVL and the server will be returned to MCLINC. Staff is asking for direction from the Board as to what vendor will be considered for computers' access to the internet. A permanent technical support system will also become an issue at that time.

Tetjana addressed budgetary concerns and is asking the Board for guidance as to how much more needs to be spent on books and materials to comply with state mandated 12% of budget. The budget was not broken into different categories as past Library Director did not complete the task of prioritizing expenditures. The Board has asked the staff for inputs as to needs and Michael will review budget to see what amount is left to spend.

Dividends from the Stiles fund are designated to be spent in certain areas. Michael will check into that and get back to Tetjana.

Essie noted the shortage of staff due to illness, vacations, and the return to fall hours. There is a lack of coverage on some Saturdays and there is a lack of staff to cover library functions. The Board is aware of the problem and is still working on finding a Library Director. All the staff has done a wonderful job maintaining the schedules over the summer and for this we thank them.

A clarification of the DVD borrowing policy was asked for and reviewed. The Board expects the staff to use reasonable discretion when dealing with issues that may come up with dirty or damaged DVDs.

Children's Room report was submitted by Nancy Hensler at end of September.

We are grateful to have members of the staff come and report on library issues in the absence of a director. We are fortunate to have their input and welcome their insight.

4. Friends – Michele Weinstein (report submitted)

The Friends presented the Board with funds totaling \$15,500 for the Library for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. The Friends have requested a quarterly reporting of purchases.

A motion to accept the gift, with the gratitude of the Board, was made by Michael Zeitzer, seconded by Jack Bernstein. The Board extends our thanks to all the Friends for their efforts on behalf of the Huntingdon Valley Library.

Several events have been planned for the fall and The Friends have prepared a flyer and will advertise on the web.

Used Book Sale – Oct. 6th – 10th

Craft program – Oct. 1

Fall Film Series with Dr. Moylan Mills on Wednesday nights in October

Oscar Songs – Nov. 5th

Basket of books Raffle – ongoing

5. School Report – Linda Yerkees

Lower Moreland has a new Assistant Superintendent and a new network administrator.

Murray Avenue is beginning video conferencing for virtual field trips and collaborative visits globally.

Pine Road school continues to grow and will include additional grades next year.

A motion was made by Jack Bernstein to adjourn at 8:25, seconded by Michael Zeitzer so the Board could go into Executive Session. The motion was passed.

**The September meeting of the Board will take place on October 15, 2009 at 7:30.
The Executive Committee will meet at 7:00.**