

Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library
Minutes June 13, 2017
Lambertville Free Public Library
6 Lilly St
Lambertville, NJ 08530
7PM

The meeting of the Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library was called to order at 7:07 PM by Sarah Landon. In addition to Ms. Landon present were Trustees Paul Hamilton, Jacqueline Sornstein, Mary Jane Legere, Children's Librarian Jennifer Sirak and Library Director Harold Dunn. Absent were Emily Carone and Mayor's Representative JoAnne DeVecchio.

In compliance with the open public meeting act, it was announced that this was the May meeting which had been published in *The Democrat* and filed with the City Clerk for posting on the bulletin board located in City Hall.

New Board Member: Mary Jane Legere was appointed to the library board as the school board representative. The board appreciates Mary Jane Legere's years of experience in the public school system and is excited for her to be joining the board! A formal oath of office will need to be taken.

Presentation of the Minutes: Minutes from the May 9, 2017 meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Jacqueline Sornstein and seconded by Paul Hamilton, the Board unanimously approved the May minutes. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence: None

Presentation of the Treasurer's Report: On a motion by Paul Hamilton and seconded by Sarah Landon, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's reports and authorized the Treasurer to pay the bills as presented for June. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Director's Report: see attached. The video recording system of the library is no longer working and Harold wants to resurrect it. Needs to get another one that will talk to our current network. Also wants to add one more camera to the front desk that will also cover the front door.

Children's Library Report: none. It has been a busy time as the children's library program is getting ready for summer reading. Jen and staff went to all the classrooms at LPS, an event at Fisherman's Mark and the LPS kindergarten took a field trip to the library. The library also took out an ad in a student published magazine at SHRHS. However, the magazine is historically late and may not be out until after summer.

Old Business:

- Photo ID Library cards
 - Roni Todd Marino from Fisherman's Mark came to our meeting last night to discuss the ID cards. She gave us an overview of Fisherman Marks' mission and services to the community including the Los Puentes program (the Bridges) which duplicates their services to the Spanish population and also addresses issues specific to the Spanish

population.

Fisherman's Mark had been looking into the ID cards but once they heard the library was going to be producing them they stopped exploring the issue. Roni shared with us what they had learned so far. Typically, state ID cards are based on a 6 point ID system that requires a social security number. This poses a challenge for many people in need of an ID. Many municipalities have started basing an ID on a 4 point system. This 4 point system is already in line with what Fisherman's Mark uses when working with the community. In addition, there has been some discussions between the municipalities about reciprocity in accepting an ID card and Fisherman's Mark would be able to facilitate these discussions. If someone doesn't have the necessary paperwork, Fisherman's Mark also has the ability to assist them in acquiring it. Fisherman's Mark has a reach into the community most in need of the ID cards and is already working with many of the people who would need them. They have a process in place for verification of documents, etc and would be able to provide ID cards to a community wider than just Lambertville. Fisherman's Mark wants to stress they are not trying to take the ID cards away from the library but they are willing to take it over if the library finds ID cards are not something we have the capacity to do.

The board members are in full support of ID cards and wants to find the process that would be best for the community and the library. Fisherman's Mark is further along in their research of the ID cards. They have a method in place for verifying information and a method in place for assisting people who do not have the proper documentation required for an ID card. They also have the ability to produce cards for people that need them in Lambertville and outside of our area (which is something the library wasn't going to be able to do). They also have a reach into the community, Spanish speaking employees, and the time and bandwidth to take this project on. A library card will not be a usable ID anywhere outside of Lambertville but the ID cards Fisherman's Mark are exploring may have a wider acceptance as Fisherman's Mark will explore reciprocity with other municipalities. Ultimately, producing ID cards seems to be out of the scope of the library's mission statement. Fisherman's Mark seems better positioned and prepared to take this on and it seems as though they would create something that would better serve the community in need. We could not find a compelling reason for the library to take this on instead of Fisherman's Mark. All of this being said, Harold is still going to explore adding a picture to our library card so we may have the best of both worlds where Lambertville residents will be able to have not one but two pieces of photo ID.

Indivisible has collected money to be used for the ID card program. Paul will explore how to have that money donated from the library to Fisherman's Mark.

New Business:

- Board President Sarah Landon and her husband have bought a home in Delaware Township so she will need to step down from the board. She will be able to stay on through August. The

board wishes Sarah and her family congratulations on her home, thank you for her hard work and we will all miss her and her efforts very much!

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jacqueline Sornstein, seconded by Sarah Landon, to adjourn at 8:13 PM. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Sornstein