

Trustees of the Lambertville Free Public Library
Minutes July 9, 2019
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 Matt Larkin. In addition to Mr. Larkin present were Trustees Jacqueline Sornstein, Amy Connelly, Paul Hamilton, Chelsea Gardiner, Stephanie Volmer, Children's Librarian Jennifer Sirak and Library Director Harold Dunn. Absent was Emily Carone.

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

Presentation of the Minutes: Minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. On a motion by Matt Larkin and seconded by Paul Hamilton the Board unanimously approved the June minutes. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present, Matt Larkin abstained. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Correspondence: A patron was asked to move to make room for tutoring and this made the patron upset. Library will address these issues with the public use policy but in the future library will operate on a first come first serve basis and no one will be asked to move except if a portion of the library has been reserved for an event. Library staff have been informed to ensure we do not have this issue again.

Director's Report: Attached.

Children's Library Report: Attached.

Old Business:

501C3- there was a discussion of the 501C3 being turned over from ACME to the library board. Board can not accept it as it is a conflict of interest, there is a liability for past business of 501C3, contract liability, etc and the library does not have the resources to perform the due diligence necessary to do so.

5 Year plan- Next steps are to start getting ready for community outreach. Need to create a subcommittee. Getting together a group to create survey. What communities do we need to reach into and how? Geoff Hewitt said he would assist with middle and high school students. Matt to reach out to Fisherman's Mark. Amy to give out updated vision/mission/timeless purpose. Need to create a way to capture feedback we can all use. Need to get dates for visioning exercise with Mayor.

Fundraising- Matt wants to further discuss rules for fundraising with attorney. Paul says board can't fundraise but library can co-sponsor events. N They can market and collect fees. The board can not engage as a board in fundraising. Paul to send questions to Matt to discuss with attorney.

Public Use Space- still need to get answers to questions we sent to attorney.

Update from Mayor on Painting- all painting work on hold until finances are figured out. They do want to support us. Want to set time to meet with business administrator and possibly use their communications firm.

New Business:

Mayor had inquired about the library hosting family friendly events when it is being used as an emergency shelter. Library does not staff during these times, the city just sues the building so that would not be possible

Does the library calendar feed to the city calendar?

Adjournment: A motion was made by Jacqueline Sornstein, seconded by Stephanie Volmer, to adjourn at 9:05 PM. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by Jacqueline Sornstein.