

Centre County Library and Historical Museum Board of Trustees
Thursday, July 22, 2021
Historical Museum / Zoom (Hybrid)
6:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Deborah Cleeton, Helen DeFilippis, Carl Inglesby, Lindsey Kurtz, Pamela McCloskey, Justin Miller, Kate Pasch

Trustees Excused: Margaret Gray

Trustees Absent: Andrew Naugle

Staff Present: Denise Sticha, Robbin Degeratu, Kathleen Edwards

Guests Present: Russell Brooks, Cherilyn Fiore, Ron Flood, Vickie Flood, James Keller, John Sengle, Rhonda Rumbaugh, Roni Warren

Call to Order: Helen DeFilippis, President, called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Public Comments and Correspondence: None.

Final Needs Assessment Presentation: Keller and Fiore made a presentation of the final version of the Centre Hall Area Branch Library Needs Assessment and Expansion Study Report, including an outline of a Program of Requirements and possible expansion cost models. Following the presentation and ensuing discussion, DeFilippis requested that questions and comments be sent to herself, Sticha, and Rumbaugh via email.

Consent agenda: Kurtz made a motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2021 and the June 2021 Operations Report. Inglesby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 24, 2021 Centre County Library & Historical Museum Board of Trustee Meeting were approved as submitted.

The June 2021 Operations Report was approved.

Finance Report: Degeratu provided updates for the month of July, noting that reimbursement for costs related to the lightning strike on June 14, 2021 had not yet been received from the insurance company. Cleeton made a motion to approve the June 2021 financial report and investment summary. Kurtz seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Items:

Penn State Law Student: DeFilippis and Degeratu outlined an invitation received from Penn State Law to participate in a program for second- and third-year law students. This program will match law students who are interested in serving on a local non-profit board from September 2021-May 2022 with area nonprofits, with the possibility of extended to the following year if the student is not graduating. The matched student would serve as a temporary, non-voting member of the Board and would not offer legal advice, but would offer insights, service, and learn about leadership. Discussion among

Trustees centered on benefits of adding this perspective to Board meetings, and ways to integrate this student into library leadership. Cleeton noted past experience with this program on another nonprofit Board, and indicated that it was positive for the Board and student alike. Degeratu to respond to Penn State Law to confirm that CCLHM will participate, and to clarify several questions.

Committee and Representative Reports:

Finance Committee: No report.

Property Committee: Bookmobile returned to the road on July 12, 2021 following body work in Halifax, Pennsylvania. The Property Committee, following consultation with DeFilippis and library staff, selected a Morefield Allworx system to replace the system destroyed by a lightning strike in Bellefonte; that system is to be installed by early August. The roof at Holt Memorial Library will need to be replaced in the next few years. Several Girl Scouts will be installing a pollinator garden near the Little House behind the Historical Museum with assistance and support of the Bellefonte Garden Club and the CCLHM Property Committee.

Personnel Committee: One part-time staff member resigned at Centre County Library in Bellefonte. The position is being advertised. Trustees provided positive feedback regarding Nicholas Struble, the recently-hired Centre County Library Branch Manager:

Nomination/Governance Committee: DeFilippis requested recommendations for future Trustees to fill seats that will be vacated in January.

Planning Committee: Pasch shared that she and Sticha are working on questions to include in a survey for community stakeholders that will target strategic planning.

Fundraising/Development Committee: DeFilippis shared that the Centre Hall Area Branch Library Association's steak dinner fundraiser is scheduled for October 9, 2021, and that CHABLA member Vickie Flood invited the CCLHM Board to create a basket to be raffled off; Trustees will collaborate to assemble the basket.

Comments for the Good of the Order: Degeratu noted that the library has received positive feedback about the Summer Library Pursuit on social media in particular. Requested that anyone who sees similar positive feedback send it to her to include in testimonials for the 2022 United Way presentation.

Adjournment: Inglesby made a motion to adjourn. McCloskey seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbin Degeratu
Administrative Director