

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SOUTH PARK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the South Park Township Library Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 in the South Park Township Board Room. Denise Sabolcik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present:

Amanda DeKnight
Donna Tressler
Judy Woods
Al Stanish
Ed Farrington
Denise Sabolcik

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Al Stanish made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Judy Woods seconded.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

- Grants
 - Baughman Grants
 - Spring Munch & Learns are posted on the library digital calendar for registration
 - The theme is culture
 - LSA Grant
 - Amanda met with Representative Kuzma who suggested that she apply for an LSA grant
 - He promised that he'd approve money for the library's expansion project
 - The grant application was submitted, and the library will find out if it is funded in November
 - Period Products Grant
 - ACLA applied for this grant on the library's behalf through the Jefferson Regional Foundation
 - The library received 4 cases of free period products and 2 dispensers
 - Keystone Grant
 - Amanda is interested in applying for this matching grant to get the expansion project funded
- Programming Updates
 - Maddy has been adding programs for teens and tweens
 - Tween Brickmasters, Teen Lego Legends, Colorful Canvas Club, Crafty Readers, and Tween Pokémon
 - Tami's Saturday kids' programs have been well attended
 - January-The Wild World of Animals
 - February-Blueberry Kitchen Baking Class
 - March-The Bug Lady
 - Kid's Winter Reading Challenge
 - January 20-March 20 kids can get a raffle ticket for checking out 4 books each week
 - Adult Programs
 - Adult/Teen Craft Night is back and well attended

- February was diamond art
 - March was Pysanky
 - Adventure Trips
 - Donna is working on the spring trip to Millvale
 - This was very popular last year, and the participants were interested in revisiting this year to see the restored Vanka Murals
- Fundraising
 - Library Giving Day
 - April 1-this is a totally digital campaign
 - Memorial Bricks
 - Amanda is reaching out to local landscape architects to see who can design the brick layout
 - Hopefully the sales will start in late August so that it will count towards Love Your Library matching funds
 - 2025 Book Sales
 - Spring-April 24-26
 - The Friends of the Library are trying to get Haddad to donate the use of a truck to store the books
 - Book drop off begins April 6
 - Fall-October 23-25
 - Teas
 - Tea & Chocolate went well, but had a small attendance
 - Next year we plan to do this in person instead of virtual
 - The Bingo Tea Fundraiser will be in September-date TBD
 - Winter Flower Sale
 - The sale went better than expected last year
 - Amanda plans to hold the sale again in November
 - Appeals
 - 2024 raised just shy of \$18,000
 - Amanda will have appeal letters ready for August
 - Holiday Market-Saturday, November 29
 - The market did very well in 2024, but food sales were slower than usual
 - Amanda and Donna will find a volunteer to take vendor orders
- Other Updates
 - RAD
 - A committee of librarians are working on an updated formula
 - The RAD board is trying to get libraries to open on Sundays, but there doesn't seem to be a demand for this
 - Staff changes
 - Lily Chase was hired as a page
 - Faith Lavezoli was hired as the Marketing and Communications Assistant
 - She is planning to attend Grad School in the fall for Library Science
 - Teen Advisory Board requested that we modify the Teen section
 - A bookshelf was removed by Public Works
 - We will be adding a chalk board
 - Amanda would like to teach them how to fundraise to purchase a partition that can be used between the teen section and the computers

Ed Farrington made a motion to accept the Librarian's report. Al Stanish seconded the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ed Farrington made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Denise Sabolcik seconded the motion.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, at 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Al Stanish made a motion for adjournment. Judy Woods seconded the motion.