

Pittsylvania County Public Library
Combined Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees
And the PPL Foundation Board
February 13, 2023
Gretna Branch Library

The Library Board of Trustees and the PPL Foundation met in a combined meeting on February 13, 2023. Mary Wertz, PPL President, called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. PPL Foundation members present included Alice Shelton, Karen Eades, Phyllis Roach, Mary Wertz, Bert Eades, R. Steve Scruggs, and Rhonda Griffin. Library board members present included Alice Shelton, Karen Eades, Janice Fitts, Portia Fitzgerald, Phyllis Roach, Sandy Mitchell, Shelby Buffington, York Pilson, David Law, and Rhonda Griffin.

PPL Foundation/Building Committee

The consent agenda containing the minutes of the January 9, 2023 PPL Foundation meeting and the agenda as presented, was approved on a motion by Portia Fitzgerald, seconded by Karen Eades, and passed unanimously.

Bert Eades, treasurer, gave updated treasurer's report and informed the board of current balances including amounts raised and spent on the renovation project. Bert suggested checking in selling the Bank of America stock, which was gifted to the foundation years ago. Rhonda was asked to research any restriction place on the gift and report back to the board.

Cammie Johnson updated the board on the renovations and gave a tour of the building and landscaping. Rhonda expressed her gratitude for passing the purchase of the carpet so the project could continue to move forward.

After some discussion on hiring Debra Dodson to compile a newsletter for the Foundation, the Board instructed Rhonda to ask Debra if a quarterly newsletter would be possible until they can determine the impact of paying for a monthly newsletter. Bert Eades move to pursue a quarterly newsletter, Steve Scruggs seconded, passed unanimously.

Rhonda informed the Board that Amazon Smile is being discontinued. However, Bert Eades and Beth Marsh have worked together to create a donation button for the library webpage that will deposit donations directly into the PPL Foundation banking account.

Freedom of Choice – Rhonda informed the board of the Freedom of Choice Committee who has spent the past year researching African-American students that attended the predominantly white high schools in the county before integration. A grant proposal has been written and will be

submitted to the Danville Regional Foundation. The Committee is requesting the PPL Foundation act as the fiscal agent of the grant. The History Center would receive copies of the narratives from those student to keep on file. Karen Eades made a motion for the PPL Foundation to be the fiscal agent for the DRF Freedom of Choice grant, seconded by Portia Fitzgerald, passed unanimously.

The next PPL Foundation meeting was set for April 17, 2023 at 4:30pm at the History Center. The PPL Foundation portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Karen Eades called the Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 5:01 PM

The consent agenda containing the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Board meeting, the agenda as presented, January 2023 Financial Report, and the January 2023 Operations Report was approved on a motion by York Pilson, seconded by Phyllis Roach, and passed unanimously.

Rhonda Griffin presented the director's report, informing the board of the possibility of the phone numbers having to be changed at Gretna and Brosville with the new VoIP system, the completions of waiving of long overdue fines that were accumulated prior to Jan 2021, and that the Bookmobile was once again in the shop for repairs.

The updated Youth Services job description was presented. Alice Shelton moved to accept the updated job description as presented, seconded by York Pilson, passed unanimously.

The next Executive Board meeting was set for March 13, 2023 at 3:00pm at the History Center.

The Library Board meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm.

Karen Eades