

Upper Merion Township Library Board

June 12, 2017 6:45 p.m.-8:10 p.m.

Attendees: David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Beth Nachman, Linda Noll, Janet Medrow, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the May 8, 2017 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

Five patrons attended tech Night on Monday, May 1, 2017.

Card Making Class on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 was a huge success with 30 patrons.

Our monthly coloring night is getting very popular.

SAT/ACT strategy class for high school students on Monday, May 8, 2107 was very well attended.

Dr. Steve's presentation on Space...the Final Frontier: of Archaeology? Was well appreciated.

Library co-sponsored "**Dance Fitness**" at the community center was attended by 11 patrons.

We will be receiving a check around \$100 from the fundraiser at Bertucci's in Audubon. Our next fundraiser will be at California Pizza Kitchen in the fall.

Container Gardening on May 17, Invasive Plants on May 24, and Tips and Tricks on May 31, 2017, presented by Penn State Extension Master Gardeners was attended by a total of 79 patrons.

Nine patrons attended knit Night on Monday, May 24, 2017.

Our ESL classes on Tuesday's a 1pm are going strong.

Spring book discussion "Not the usual: Unexpected acts of exploration and resistance." ended May 21, 2017.

Our library will be busy this summer with Summer Reading starting on June 19, 2017. The theme for this year is "Build a Better World".

In 2017, our tech nights will be held the first Monday of the month, Coloring night second Monday, fitness class 3rd Monday and knit nights 4th Monday.

Children is Services:

The six-week spring story hour sessions ended the week of May 2, 2017.

During the month of May, registrations were taken for the Science in the Summer classes sponsored by GSK in partnership with the Franklin Institute.

On May 6, 2017, the library held an awards ceremony for the students who earned reading medals but attended schools outside of Upper Merion.

On May 9, 2017, Sue Kirkpatrick presented a rainbow science themed S.T.E.M. story and activity class for 16 children ages 3½ to 6 and 15 parents.

Thirteen students participated in fun hands-on math activities focused on mental math using the Crazy 8 Math Curriculum on March 8, 2017 with Becky Ginther.

The library's Children's Department received a Board of Community Assistance Grant for \$830 to fund the library's Book Contest Gift Card Awards.

Twenty-three children in 2nd-4th grade attended Fun Friday on May 12, 2017 for a program centering on drug abuse prevention planned and presented by high school senior, Melody Pryor.

Eighteen middle school students attended the Junior Friend's end of the year party on May 16, 2017.

Storytellers, Rena Staley and Kristine Pennese each provided special story times in May.

Jeanne Kauffman and Becky Ginther visited Caley on May 22nd, and Bridgeport and Candlebrook on May 24th to award summer reading medals to the students who earned them to promote this year's summer program.

On May 23, 2017, Sue Kirkpatrick provided a Play K activity time for 24 preschoolers, 5 younger siblings and 29 adults from the Upper Merion Baptist Nursery School.

On May 31, 2017 children I k-4th grade, three siblings and sixteen parents participated in a hands on Leap into

Science Workshop with Becky Ginther focusing on Light and Shadows.

Susan Kirkpatrick coordinated the library's Reading Buddies Celebration on May 23, 2017 for participants in this year's Reading Buddies Program.

On May 31, 2017, two groups of Candlebrook Kindergarten students visited the library for a special story time and orientation to the library with Sue Kirkpatrick.

On June 1, 2017, two groups of first graders visited the library for a tour and story time with Sue Kirkpatrick and Jeanne Kauffman.

The children's department is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program which starts June 19, 2017.

Becky Ginther's Road Trips display on the large table featured the library's extensive audio book collection. Rina Das highlighted Gardening books on the small table display. There were other special displays during May focusing on holiday books for Cinco de Mayo, and Memorial Day. Books on ducks and police officers were also displayed.

Old Business:

September meeting cancelled

October meeting rescheduled to October 16, 2017

Core Values: Educate, Empower, Engage

New Business:

Goals & Objectives-2018

Goals & Objectives-Strategic Plan

20 Year Capital

Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Carole updated the board on various township activities

Upcoming Events:

July 10, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

August 14, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

September 11, 2017 Library Board Meeting -cancelled

October 9, 2017 Library Board Meeting rescheduled to October 16, 2017 6:45 p.m.

November 13, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

December 11, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

January 8, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary