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Board of Trustees Meeting April 16, 2026

Opening the meeting and Roll Call

Michelle Kane, Vice President officially opened the meeting. In attendance: Penny Price by phone, Beth Styer, Suzi Leonard, Elise Bowers, Kyle Rogers, Alex Grande, Tracey Reed. Absent: Doug Johnson and Brad Alderfer.

Director's Report and Consent Agenda

Tracey highlighted the progress made in March, including the installation of a new patron printer, fax, and scanner station. Elise Bowers moved to approve the consent agenda, Alex seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Community Engagement

Tracey, Penny and Bud attended the Bucks Mont Collaborative Legislative Breakfast, where they discussed nonprofit collaboration. The Indian Valley Library received positive feedback from attendees, highlighting its importance in the community.

Grants and Bequests

Tracey announced the receipt of a \$5,000 VNA Foundation grant and a \$25,000 bequest from a patron. The bequest will be used for staff cubicles for off-desk areas, especially for youth staff.

Foundation of Friends (FOF)

Stephanie provided an update on the Foundation of Friends (FOF), including the addition of a new member, Linda Love. The FOF is working on its annual appeal and donor appreciation event on May 14. The FOF has hired consultant David Ballinger to begin the strategic planning process.

Joint Meeting with FOF and Strategic Planning

Tracey discussed the April joint meeting with the FOF, focusing on aligning strategic plans and improving communication. The FOF and the Board of Trustees (BOT) are working together to reach more residents and improve outreach through a joint Marketing plan.

Keystone Grant and HVAC Project

Tracey explained the Keystone grant process, including the \$290,000 received for the HVAC system. Souderton Borough will administer the grant, and library staff will handle as much of the administrative load as possible. The grant requires matching cash on hand, once the grant is officially awarded fundraising will begin.

Strategic Plan Review

Tracey presented the updated strategic plan, highlighting ongoing, completed, and new initiatives. The library has maintained a rich collection, adopted changing technology, and upgraded various e-resources.

Marketing Ideas

The library has been advertising in the Broad Theater and local ball fields, and an article about the therapy dog program was featured in the Arrowhead newspaper.

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Kyle made a motion to adjourn, and Alex seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Beth Styer, Secretary