

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 24, 2023
2009 Township Drive
Commerce Township, Michigan 48390**

CALL TO ORDER Barbara Garbutt, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Barbara Garbutt, Chairperson
Jason Pernick, Vice Chairperson
Betsy LaFond, Secretary
Barry Hiscox
Shane Lakner
Donald Petersen

Absent: Vanessa Magner, Township Board Trustee (excused)

Also Present: Alyson Lobert, Library Director

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Lakner, supported by Hiscox, to approve the May 24, 2023 Library Advisory Board Meeting Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION by LaFond, supported by Lakner, to approve the Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2023, as submitted. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEM 4: CORRESPONDENCE

Emails received:

May 10, 2023 – from Stacey Soffa thanking Anjel Lyman and Lauren Aquilina for presenting their Outreach program at Walnut Creek Middle School.

ITEM 5: CTCL Storytimes: Survey and Overview

Marissa Boisclair and Lauren Aquilina, Youth Services Librarians, gave a presentation on the Commerce Township Community Library Storytime program.

ITEM 6: FINANCIAL REPORT

Library Director Lobert reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the period ending April 30, 2023 (25.08% of the budget was spent so far this year).

ITEM 7: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

a. Director's Report

Library Director Lobert –

Welcome to Kit Lidster, who was hired to fill the library page position that opened up after Robyn Jenkins resigned. Kit is an OCC student and she is busy learning her new role. We are also thrilled to welcome back Caroline Christenson, Walled Lake Central student and a former library page who is back on our schedule for the summer months.

May brings another busy slate of programs. Highlights include When Amelia Came to Michigan, a lecture about Amelia Earhart's adventures in Michigan, pollinator gardening, Paws for Reading (where students read to a certified therapy dog), two sessions of yoga and the return of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools K-12 Art Show.

Congratulations and thank you to the Friends of the Commerce Township Community Library, who coordinated and pulled off another successful used book sale! The Friends raised \$8,032.50 at their spring sale. The used book sale is a tremendous amount of work. I am so grateful that Commerce Township Community Library has such a dedicated and organized group of supporters!

The Friends of the Commerce Township Community Library members are hosting their next American Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. Donors can register at the American Red Cross website: redcrossblood.org (sponsor code CTCL) or by calling 800-RED-CROSS.

I'm excited to share the Library's new logo! It was our desire to utilize the Township's color and seal in our design, as we wanted the new logo to visually reflect the fact that the Library is a department of the Township. Additionally, we wanted to add a subtle book element to the Library's logo. While the Library is certainly more than just books, books represent an important part of the Library's identity and our role in the community. I hope that you like the final design.

Thank you to Township Supervisor Gray and Commerce Township Community Library's wonderful staff members who assisted with this project. We will begin rolling out the new logo in the coming weeks.

During conversation at a recent LAB meeting about staff active shooter training, it was suggested that the Library host an active shooter training for residents. That training, presented by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response and Preparedness Division, will be held at the library at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 6. If you are interested in attending, please reach out and I will add you to the roster of attendees.

Thanks to the DDA for spearheading the return of the DIA's Inside|Out program. Eight reproductions are located throughout the Township with two pieces of art, Saint Jerome

ITEM 7: ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (Director's Report continued)

in His Study by Jan van Eyck and Reading the Story of Oenone by Francis Davis Millet on display at the Library.

Congratulations to OCC student Gisel Lopez, who finishes her internship at the library this weekend. Gisel spent 90 hours gaining hands-on library experience over the course of her internship.

There is a new book on display on our Path of Pages. It Began with Lemonade by Gideon Sterer is the featured picture book: it is an imaginative, colorful story of making (and selling!) lemonade from life's lemons.

At the June 13, 2023 meeting of the Commerce Township Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Commerce Township Community Library will be recognized with a resolution honoring their years of service to Commerce Township. If you are available that evening, I encourage you to attend; I am confident that the attendance of Library Advisory Board members would make this recognition even more special for the Friends of the Library.

b. Program Statistics

c. Library Statistics (None)

Library Director Lobert reviewed the April 2023 Program statistics with Board members.

ITEM 8: OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS

Library Director Lobert presented two samples of yard signs publicizing the summer reading program. Board members were in agreement and chose the 2nd sample presented.

ITEM 10: TOWNSHIP BOARD REMARKS

No report - Trustee Magner was absent.

ITEM 11: RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

None

ITEM 12: OTHER MATTERS

Pernick and other Board members mentioned the Art Show display held at the library tonight was fabulous!

Pernick asked if we could use an area in the library to hold displays to other groups. One example would be the Eagle Scout's.

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ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Lakner, supported by Pernick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Betsy LaFond, Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Commerce Township Library Advisory Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2023.