

Annual Meeting
Wyomissing Public Library
Meeting Date: November 9, 2010

The Annual Meeting of the Wyomissing Public Library met on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, in the Community Room of the library. Susan Denaro called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

Members Present: Susan Denaro, Greg Ciatto, Lynn Driben, Meghan Ehrlich, Mary Rebecca Freymoyer, Barbara Kline, Dan Phelps, Judy Phelps, Steve Pottieger, Blythe Ratcliffe. Ann Sutherland, Doug Weaver, Heidi Ziemer.

Honorary members: Elizabeth Rothermel.

Library Director: Colleen Stamm.

Additional attendees: Robin Beatty.

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously.

President's Report:

Susan Denaro gave an oral summary of the attached written report.

Treasurer's Report:

A hard copy of the Treasurer's report was distributed at the meeting. An electronic copy can be requested from the Library Director.

Committee Reports:

A hard copy of an annual report for each of the following committees listed below was distributed at the meeting. An electronic copy can be requested from the Library Director.

1. Community Affairs: Lynn Driben
2. Membership: Barbara Kline
3. Building and Grounds: Greg Ciatto
4. Fund Raising: Mary Rebecca Freymoyer and Heidi Ziemer
5. Nominating: Ann Sutherland
On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Ann Sutherland proposed the following new voting Board members for the 2011 Board of Trustees of the Wyomissing Public Library: Laurie Waxler and Steve Pottieger. The following Honorary Members were proposed: Leslie Bell, Bruce P. Bengtson, Ruth Ann Bengtson, Mary A. Capallo, Anne O. Moll, Thomas M. Moll, Thomas E. Roberts, Elizabeth B. Rothermel, Geoffrey M. Stoudt, Lisa K. Gallen, and Judy Phelps. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Nominating Committee members made a motion to recommend the following slate of Officers for the 2011 term. This slate will be voted upon at the December 2010 regular meeting of the WPL Board of Directors.

Executive Committee

President: Susan Denaro

Vice President: Mary Rebecca Freymoyer

Treasurer: Blythe Ratcliffe

Recording Secretary: Lynn Driben

Corresponding Secretary: Doug Weaver

Library Director's Report:

A hard copy of the library director's report was distributed at the meeting. An electronic copy can be requested from the Library Director. To supplement her written report, Colleen acknowledged the time and effort Corrine App, the Children's Librarian, has put into teen programming including a Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and teen activities. Participation in teen activities has increased significantly over the past year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted on November 11, 2010,
Lynn M. Driben

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President's Report
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Exciting things have been happening at the Library this year. Both the Board of Directors and the professional staff of the Library have been strenuously working to raise both our profile in the community and funds to keep our operation fiscally sound. Because of everyone's efforts, we have had a very busy and successful year. Because of all the team work that made this year a banner one, please indulge my using the annual report as an opportunity to count the Library's blessings and acknowledge the efforts of those who have made my job as President significantly easier this year. The blessings are as follows:

1. A very dedicated Community Affairs Committee lead by Lynn Driben that reintroduced some programming for adults which have yielded great turnouts. Our Severin Fayerman lecture brought 85 people to our library to hear his story of surviving the holocaust and 35 people turned out to hear Bruce Becker's discussion of the healing in the wake of the Nichol Mines tragedy. Not only were the programs well organized, but they were well advertised. The work of Lynn, Meghan Ehrlich and Laurie Waxler is greatly appreciated.

2. Our Fundraising Committee, lead by Mary Rebecca Freymoyer and Heidi Ziemer, has tirelessly work at offering both big and small fundraisers this year to tap as many sources of donations as possible. PJ parties were introduced, we continued the election day bake sale and BBQ sales and Rubber Duck Race. Through their efforts, we raised more funds at those events than in years past. Next year we hope to introduce an art installation fundraiser to improve our children's room. Also next year we hope to have a new computerized donor system to improve our fundraising capabilities even more.

3. The Membership Committee, headed by Barbara Kline, has diligently communicated with past members to keep them connected and solicit donations. The response to their efforts has been stronger this year than last year as we have received more donations from more individuals than we did at this time last year. That committee is to be commended for utilizing a donor's response envelope for the first time. New ideas such as that are responsible for yielding such great results.

4. Our Building and Grounds Committee lead by Greg Ciatto with his merry band of men Doug Weaver and Robert Jakubek have been fortunate to have enjoyed a quiet year and for that we count ourselves doubly lucky. We have not had any major repairs and that has given them the opportunity to focus on upcoming needs rather than just react to infrastructure-related emergencies.

5. The Nominating Committee with Ann Sutherland at the helm has worked very hard to bring us a wonderful slate of new Board members for next year and have brought forward the position of assistant treasurer to ensure sound financial planning.

6. The officers who served on the Executive Committee have been dedicated to fulfilling their job descriptions and have worked in harmony to juggle all the demands this tight economy have presented to us. In addition to the board members mentioned for their committee work above, special thanks go to Blythe Ratcliffe as Treasurer for keeping us on the fiscal straight and narrow and to Judy Phelps for helping us keep track of all the loose ends.

7. We have been blessed to have Robin Beatty and some of the Master Gardeners whip our grounds into shape. Their efforts to beautify our flower beds have saved us lots of money.

8. An important blessing is our dedicated staff. We have enjoyed working with and watching Colleen Stamm grow into her role as our Director. Corrine App has taken on the role as Children's Librarian with grace and style. The children respond very well to her programming ideas and she has taken on the task of hosting birthday parties that have raised additional funds for the Library. Our other employees have met our patrons' requests and kept us a friendly place to return to again and again.

Finally, we believe the struggles of City and the other County-wide libraries that have been all over the headlines has helped put us in focus with our public and may be responsible for the increased giving we were blessed to receive this year. We will be working next year with even fewer funds from the Commonwealth despite rising costs of goods and services, so we will continue to push our fundraising efforts. We have tighten our belts as much as we can in response to state cuts and we recognize that our doors remain open thanks to the donations we receive from some local foundations and the Borough of Wyomissing. Through such support, we believe we continue to be a blessing to our community.

We believe the hard work has really just begun. Through the anticipated dedication of our Board and our Staff, we look forward to an even more innovative and successful 2011 for the Wyomissing Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan N. Denaro