

Free Library of Springfield Township
Library Advisory Meeting Minutes- March 25, 2025
May 28, 2025

Call to Order: 7pm

Attendees: Marycatherine McGarvey, Renee Brooks, Terri Heebner, Adam Hess, Alexander Klinger, Marianne Sunderland, Kate McGranaghan

Director's Report:

- Minutes from March 25 meeting were distributed and approved
- Marycatherine distributed and discussed April Library Activity Report and also April Comparative Statistics Report, comparing April 2024 and 2025
- Update on Technology Grant, money has been spent on 3-D printer and waiting for new scanner
- New Children's assistant has started this week

Old Business:

- Hoopla has been discontinued

New Business:

- OverDrive Advantage, more e-books and audio book
- IMLS funding
- Library Speakers Consortium

Friends Report:

1. Recent Activities
 - May 14 meeting with good turnout
 - National Library Week- Author event with Etic Klinenberg
2. Collaboration with Library Leadership
 - Alex and Jen met this Marycatherine and Terri to clarify financial processes, communication and contributions
 - Contribution Update- Friends has committed to making 10% more available next year to library due to lost federal funds and dismantling IMLS and to convey amount available to Marycatherine beginning of 2026
3. Upcoming Initiatives and Funding Committee
 - Over the summer, drafting the 2026 budget and Strategic Plan
 - Enchantment Theatre Event- June 7 at 2pm
 - Spring Books Sale- May 31

- Library Speakers Consortium- Friends approved 3 year contract (\$2500/year) live-streamed author events 2-3 times/month available to all library patrons

4. Advocacy and Community Engagement:

- Goals to inform, energize and connect with important library issues and encourage positive actions
- Township Meetings- Friends members plan to attend to stay informed and represent library interests. We appreciate Commissioner Ed Morris' ongoing support as our Board of Commissioners liaison

5. Closing Thoughts

- Our library is a beloved community resource and faces challenges in today's rapidly changing environment. The Friends remain committed to providing steady support and working with the township to ensure the library's continued success.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 23 at 7pm0