VIA Meeting

April 20, 2021

Attendance: Walker, Malenda, Galvin, Hodgkins, Olenick, Heffernan, Khu, Gunning, Lang, Bernardi

Staff – Bailie, Bushman, Banks

City Council Rep – O’Connor

Correction to minutes: Other scholarships are given in the name of Pauline White, Jean Poli

Director’s Report – Bailie

Staff changes – Angela went from part time to full time. Sarah took over reference section. Colleen will hold staff meeting to talk about summer reading program, where to park van in Allingtown, final draft of library survey.

We are not over budget, two checks were recovered. Boiler at Ora Mason is leaking. April 6th – Budget meeting. Short term vs long term solution. We need budget to give money to serve Allingtown patrons rather than money to rent a facility for library.

Assistant Director Report – Bushman

Put information on VIA Scholarships in the Voice. She worked on scheduling staff and on the assessment report. Received $3,110 in donations from library appeal.

Aisha Banks – Ora Mason is open 3 days a week. People are happy to come in and browse. New books go out right away.

Treasurer – Gunning

Budget should be on track by June.

Friends – Olenick

Day of Giving resulted in $850 in donations. Didn’t meet in April.

Allingtown Library –

Asked the City to help us negotiate with Celantano’s for their property. City never got back to us. Alan and John will negotiate with the family.

New Business

May meeting – in person or virtual. May 18th. Alan suggested Apps or Lorenzo’s. Decided 6:00 pm at Lorenzo’s.

Motion to go into Executive session.

Motion to return from Executive session.

Coffee talk sessions about the library – 20 to 30 people. Mary Malenda suggested we have bullet points so we are talking about the same things

Special meeting at 6pm tonight will be rescheduled for another time.

Motion to adjourn – 5:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walker, Recording Secretary