



TML Fundraising Subcommittee meeting minutes for **June 27, 2023**

Attendees: Melissa Carlson (FTML President), Ann Frantz (TML Trustee), Jeanne Rose (Children's Room fund Treasurer), David Spanagel (TML Fundraising Subcommittee Chair)

This open public meeting was held via Zoom.

Chair David Spanagel called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

1. Approval of minutes from the 30 May 2023 subcommittee meeting

The most recent official meeting's minutes were approved as distributed, without objection.

2. Children's Room Fundraising Project Status Report

Chair David Spanagel shared impressions that he and Joe Mulé had gained by attending a joint meeting of the Spencer Group architects and Lancaster's Town Administrator Kate Hodges on June 22. Together we learned that the town's ARPA allocation of \$250,000 needs to be encumbered by December 31, 2023. To help accomplish that result, Lynne Spencer has put together a project that would assess and restore ALL of the windows in the Thayer Memorial Library (including all the remaining windows in the historic Children's Room, which until now has been the primary focus of our Fundraising Subcommittee's efforts). To bring the total scope of the proposed project up to \$300,000 (and thus consume all the monies we currently have "in hand"), a couple of urgent roof seam repairs would be included in the project RFP, which can be ready to go out for bid before autumn.

Accomplishing this highly visible, long-desired work in this manner (and within the coming fiscal year) achieves a couple of positive things in addition to fulfilling our goal of fully restoring all the Children's Room windows: 1) it will reduce the total price tag for work yet to be done as a result of the comprehensive feasibility study by \$300,000; 2) it will demonstrate to Lancaster voters the library's seriousness, frugality, and effectiveness in getting that portion of our needs to be met first by mobilizing resources that do not directly increase anyone's taxes, before we eventually have to resort to a request along those lines to fully address the building's remaining HVAC and other needs.

3. Update on the FTML Treasurer position.

Melissa Carlson reported that FTML Vice Chair Judy Elwell, a retired accountant, has agreed to serve for four months in an interim capacity as the Acting Treasurer, which buys us all some more time to find a more permanent replacement for Irene Roper, whose retirement as FTML Treasurer is now effective as of June 30, 2023.

Melissa also noted that Irene had recently logged onto the Attorney General web page, where she saw that FTML's status as a non-profit was listed in good standing. Nobody has yet received any confirmatory paperwork from the AG, however.

4. New Business

The Children's Book Sale is scheduled for tomorrow (June 28) and any extra volunteer hands will be welcome. Jeanne Rose also reported that she now has two brand new great-nephews!

5. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, **25 July 2023**. [Subsequently, David decided to cancel the July meeting, so the next meeting date is actually at 5 pm on Tuesday, 29 August 2023.] David Spanagel will provide an agenda containing his own Zoom meeting invitation and share it directly with the new Town Clerk Mandy Cannon, who posted the public notice for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.