

Foundation Board Refresh

For institutions and Boards populated by old-timers like me, one can easily argue the merits of refreshing with new, qualified voices and mission-directed perspectives on an ongoing basis. The Murrysville Community Library Foundation Board had for several years, until this year, lingered at its lowest level of Directors allowed by Bylaws. It was having difficulty finding new faces to join the Board, to work side by side with those of earned experience, to prepare others for future leadership. People are otherwise busy in their lives, especially if yet actively employed or with kids still at home. But early in 2022 the Board made a more conscious commitment, and with great results. I'd like to introduce you, with their permissions, to three brand new Board Directors, all of whom are our neighbors.

George App is one of two voted on Board as new Director in April. As is always a wanted outcome, George brings expertise in a much-needed area. He is an accountant professionally and has experience in management and budgeting/finance, employed by another non-profit organization in Westmoreland County. As the fundraising organization for the Murrysville Community Library, the Foundation welcomed these qualifications as perfect for the Board position of Treasurer. In very short order, leaving only a little time for a quick learner to get orientated, the Board voted accordingly to appoint George to that position.

Linda Galinski, joining the Board at the same time, brings experience in management and school relationships, and she serves already on the Board of another non-profit, the Rolling Ridge Homeowners Association, which she helped to found. Linda's undergraduate degree is in human services management, and her advanced degree studies are in clinical counseling and psychology.

Debra Wohlin has an earned degree as Master of Public Health, Health Services Administration, with an undergraduate specialty in Finance and Business Management. She previously served as a Franklin Regional School Board Director and has various experiences working in education, human services, and advocacy for those with disabilities.

This freshman class of Board Directors brings with it a lot of experience in management and budgeting/finance, as well in dealing in human services and related matters. The three new Directors join seven others who come from quite different experiences professionally. A couple were or are Librarians, one at Franklin Regional School District (FRSD) and one at Duquesne University. Another Board Director is President of his own architectural firm. Another has a PhD in Reading Education; she is also a past President of the FRSD Board. One is a practicing attorney. Two Engineers/Scientists have extensive experience in corporate process/product technology and the management of it. One of the latter has served on Murrysville Council.

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The new additions add a lot of balance to the mix. I think that I can say for all that we look forward to working together for our common purpose, making Murrysville Community Library the best that it can be. And we are still looking for more of you to join us.

Charles B. Greenberg
Board Director, Murrysville Community Library Foundation