

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

This meeting was videotaped.

President Damion Summerer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

It was noted that the meeting was being held in compliance with the **Open Public Meetings Act**.

**Roll Call:**

Damion Summerer	<i>present</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>ill</i>	John Clyde	<i>present</i>
Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>absent</i>	Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>
Carolyn Armstrong	<i>present</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

Damion motioned to open the meeting to the public. Iris seconded and all were in favor. There being no members of the public present who wished to speak, Nick motioned to close the meeting to the public, Iris seconded and all were in favor.

Damion stated that the minutes from the January 22 regular meeting and the January 22 executive session were accepted as corrected. Note: The correction of Lewis Street to Louis Street was not necessary as Lewis Street *is* the correct spelling.

**Director's Report:**

January presented the financial reports of the **Director's report** for the month of January. The financial reports were filed for audit.

January highlighted various aspects of the narrative section of her monthly report. She noted that:

- Frosty the Snowman had visited the library on January 25, attracting 72 participants.
- One thousand, two hundred and fifty people attended 90 programs held at the library during the last month.
- The Teen Winter Reading Program concluded on January 30. The adult and children's versions were still running.
- The Franklin Park branch will have its own ESL conversation group starting in March.
- The library will offer automatic library card renewals and online card registrations in time for the summer reading programs.
- Library board meetings are now available on You Tube via the library's website. The meetings will also be broadcast on the township's cable TV channel as soon as the township's IT department can resolve some technical difficulties with Comcast. She is waiting to purchase a camera until she sees that the televised version is acceptable.

**Correspondence and communications:**

None

**Old Business:**

See the last bullet point in the Director's report.

**New Business:**

John Clyde thanked the Mayor for appointing him the library board, and expressed his appreciation for the courtesy that the board had shown him and for the tour of the library that January had given him.

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters:
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - a) Property negotiations
3. The Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The aforesaid resolution was moved by Nick and seconded by Iris. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

Property options and negotiations were discussed during executive session.

The group returned from executive session at 6:06 p.m. John motioned that the board form a subcommittee composed of Damion, Iris, Nick, and a member of the township as arranged by Mayor Kramer to study a proposed site for a southern branch. Nick seconded and all were in favor.

Resident Ann Taylor commented on the library's forthcoming Next Chapter Book Club for individuals with disabilities, stating that in her experience it was a worthwhile endeavor

**The next meeting** will be March 22, 2017.

Nick motioned to adjourn the meeting. Iris seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

January Adams  
Director of Library Services