

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

This meeting was videotaped.

President Nick Ciampa 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:

John Clyde	<i>present</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>present</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present(5:45-6:00)</i>	Edward Ward	<i>present</i>
Tom Lennon	<i>present</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>absent</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

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

John motioned to accept the minutes from the February 22 meeting and executive session. Iris seconded. All were in favor.

Director's Report:

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

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

- One thousand, five hundred and thirteen people attended 100 programs held at the library during the last month.
- Over 300 children, teens, adults and volunteers attended NJ Makers Day on March 10 at both library locations. This event was covered in the *Franklin Reporter & Advocate*. Ed, who had attended the program, added that he saw students from all the schools in town and that there were all sorts of crafts. He had spoken to many parents that day and everyone had a good time.

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 John and seconded by Iris. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

Property negotiations were discussed during executive session.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 5:55

President's Report:

Nick distributed his thoughts on various issues connected to the library's southern branch. He suggested recouping the taxes the board pays for the Franklin Park branch in the event we will be renting that location longer than anticipated. Nick added that with the present bank interest rates, the board could draw \$54,000 per year in a FDIC insured, two year CD. He stated that the board may be able to convince the county, the township and the board of education to refund a major portion of the \$20,000 in taxes that the board pays each year. Nick also suggested that the board keep an eye on the Route 27 property in case it becomes available again, that the board keep looking for an alternative suitable location for a southern branch, and that the board negotiate short term extensions on the current Franklin Park lease.

Correspondence and communications:

Franklin Reporter & Advocate article on the Simultaneous Chess Tournament
"There's No Dress Rehearsal for This Kind of Thing" article from *Publishers' Weekly*

New Business:

NBC motioned to accept the audit for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 and Proposed Transfer Form as prepared by the auditors. Tom seconded and all were in favor.

Iris motioned to accept IRS Form 990 as prepared by the auditors. Tom seconded and all were in favor.

The next meeting will be April 25, 2018

Ed motioned to adjourn the meeting. NBC seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services