

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

This meeting was videotaped.

Vice President/Treasurer Nick Ciampi 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:

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

January Adams *present*

There being no members of the public present, the meeting was not opened to the public.

Nick stated that the minutes from the March 22 regular meeting were accepted.

Director's Report:

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

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

- Starting on April 25, patrons can register for library cards online via the library's website.
- The library would be launching Hoopla in May. Hoopla provides digital movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks and comic books through one easy to use app.
- One thousand, five hundred and fifty seven people attended 107 programs held at the library during the last month.
- The most notable program of the past month was the library's participation in the statewide NJ Makers Day.
- The township newspapers archive would once again be available remotely very soon. It is currently available only in the library.

Vice President's Report:

Nick reported that he had learned that the Somerset County Library System would now offer any Senior Citizen, aged 65 or older, who resided in Somerset County a library card for \$50 a year.

Correspondence and communications:

Franklin Woman's Club Certificate of Appreciation

Old Business:

Iris motioned to accept the audit for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 as corrected by the auditors. NBC seconded.

John Clyde	<i>yes</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>yes</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>yes</i>
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Iris Kislin	<i>yes</i>	Carolyn Armstrong	<i>yes</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>yes</i>
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Iris requested that January ask the auditors why the updated Franklin Park lease information was not included in the original audit.

New Business:

Mayor Kramer announced that he had asked John Clyde to serve out the remainder of Damion's term on the board and that John had agreed. This term will expire on 12/31/2018. The Mayor added that he would serve on the board himself in lieu of appointing an alternate for the time being.

Nomination and election of a new President to replace Damion Summerer.

At this point, January temporarily conducted the meeting. She asked if there were any nominations for the office of President. Iris nominated Nick and NBC seconded. There being no other nominations, John motioned to close the nominations, Iris seconded and all were in favor. January asked who was in favor of Nick for board president and all were in favor.

Nick resumed leading the meeting. First, he resigned his position of Vice President/Treasurer, then he asked if there were any nominations for the position of Vice President/Treasurer. Iris nominated John Clyde and NBC seconded. Nick asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, Mayor Kramer motioned to close the nominations. Iris seconded and all were in favor. Nick asked who was in favor of John Clyde for Vice President/Treasurer and all were in favor.

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 5:58 p.m.

Property options and negotiations were discussed during executive session.

The board returned from executive session at 6:25. Iris motioned that January be authorized to research and identify three library architects for the board to consider. John seconded and Mayor Kramer, NBC, Nick, John, and Carolyn were in favor. (Iris had to leave the meeting shortly after making the motion, so she was not present for the vote.

John motioned that January be authorized to meet with Bob Vornlocker and other relevant people to determine legal/financial procedures for going forward. NBC seconded and all present were in favor.

Iris left the meeting at 6:28

The next meeting will be May 24 2017.

John motioned to adjourn the meeting and NBC seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services