

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

This meeting was videotaped.

President 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>present</i>	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</i>

January Adams *present*

Iris motioned to accept the minutes from the June 28 meeting. NBC seconded. Iris, Mayor Kramer, Nick, and NBC were in favor. John and Agnes abstained.

Director's Report:

January presented the financial reports of the **Director's report** for the months of June and July. The financial reports were filed for audit.

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

- Two thousand, three hundred and seventy-five people attended 113 programs held at the library during the last month.
- All three, (adult, teen, children), summer reading programs have ended. They were very successful with much reading taking place over the summer.
- The Young Adult Librarian and a Youth Services librarian attended the Franklin Township Fourth of July celebration on July 3. They spoke to about 115 people about programs and services at the library.

President's Report:

Nick thanked January, Iris and Mayor Kramer for joining him at the community meeting for the proposed youth center. He added that he wanted to form two committees, one to examine our personnel policies and compensation, and compare that information with similar area positions, and one to produce a roadmap outlining the aims of the Franklin Library for the next several years. John and Iris volunteered to serve on the Roadmap Committee. The Personnel Committee was put on hold until the board's major building projects are farther along.

Correspondence and communications:

Letter from a patron thanking the library for its technological advances and its welcoming staff.

Old Business:

Iris reported that she had spoken to Kip Bateman's office about the upcoming referendum on library construction grants. She read the interpretive statement from the bill.

Mayor Kramer stated that he had learned that there were many parties interested in space in the proposed youth center. The library's chances might improve if it is able to help financially. The board needs a persuasive proposal illustrating that the branch library would help with the mission of the youth center.

New Business:

None

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 NBC and seconded by Iris. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:54 p.m.

Property options and negotiations were discussed during executive session. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 6:13 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 27, 2017.

Iris motioned to adjourn the meeting and NBC seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services