

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
This meeting was videotaped.

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Kevin McNeil	<i>excused</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>present</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>ill</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Edward Ward	<i>present</i>
Tom Lennon	<i>present</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>absent</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

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

The meeting was opened to public comment. There being no public comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

Tom motioned to approve the minutes of the August 28 2019 meeting. NBC seconded and all were in favor.

Director's Report:

January presented the financial reports of the **Director's report** for the month of August. 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 fifty-nine people attended 86 programs held at the library and the branch during the last month.
- The final statistics for the three summer reading programs were: Family (aka Children's) -- 340 members who read for 356,160 minutes; Adult -- 83 members who read 614 books; and Young Adult – 74 members who read 432 books. The incentive prizes were popular with the participants.
- Library representatives promoted the library and its services at the Farmers' Market on August 17, September 7, and September 14.

President's Report:

None

Correspondence and communications:

"Publishers Change Ebook, Audiobook Models," *Library Journal*, August 2019
"Embargoes Aren't the Answer," Editorial in *Library Journal*, September 2019
"Libraries Must Draw the Line on E-books," *Publishers Weekly*, July 15, 2019
"ALA Denounces New Macmillan Library Lending Model, Urges Library Customers to Voice Objections," *ALA News*, 7/25/19
"Helping Kids Navigate Complex Times," *Publishers Weekly*, September 16, 2019

A brief discussion of ebook embargoes followed

Old Business:

None

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 negotiation
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 Ed and seconded by Tom. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

Tom motioned to close Executive Session, NBC seconded, all were in favor and the board reopened the meeting to the public at 6:18 p.m.

Public Comment (part 2)

The meeting was opened to public comment. There being no public comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

The **next meeting** will be October 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

NBC motioned to adjourn the meeting and Tom seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services