

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 26, 2016

President Nabil B. Choueiri called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. This meeting was filmed with the intention of submitting it for broadcast by Comcast.

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>absent</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>	Janet Walton	<i>absent</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	<i>present</i>				

Iris motioned to open the meeting to the public. Nick seconded and all were in favor.

There being no comments, Iris motioned to close the meeting to the public, Carolyn seconded and all were in favor.

NBC stated that the minutes from the following meetings were accepted.

September 28, 2016

September 28, 2016 Executive session

Director's Report:

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

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

- The library had been awarded a Best Buy Foundation Community grant of \$5,000 to support a new digital audio program for teens.
- One thousand, two hundred and sixty-eight people had attended 92 programs offered by the library and the branch during the past month.
- SirsiDynix had released its most recent version of its ILS software and the library would be upgrading its OPAC system on November 11. Doing this upgrade while the library is closed for Veterans' Day will not cause the inconvenience to patrons that closing the library on a non-holiday would have necessitated. The SirsiDynix staff will be available to provide support.
- Staff members from the Adult Services department have completed their annual fall outreach visits to township schools.

Correspondence:

- Trunk or Treat letter from Franklin Township's Parks and Recreation department
- *NJ Spotlight* article on how New Jersey's public libraries are faring in the information age

Old Business:

Iris motioned for the library board to videotape its meetings for the public. Nick seconded.

Roll call vote:

Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>yes</i>	Carolyn Armstrong	<i>yes</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>yes</i>
Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>yes</i>	Iris Kislin	<i>yes</i>		

If, upon receipt of, and viewing of, this meeting, January thinks that the recording is acceptable it will be provided to the township for broadcast. At the appropriate time, January will purchase a camera. Nick will donate the microphones and tripod used at this meeting.

New Business:

As per Nick's suggestion, Iris motioned for the board to write to the appropriate legislators in support of Assembly and Senate bills (A-222/S-2171). If passed and signed, these bills would provide \$125,000 in funding for public library capital projects. Nick seconded and all were in favor. Iris will write the letter for the board. Iris will also contact *NJSpotlight* and ask for permission to reprint the article for members of her active adult community.

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 Iris and seconded by Agnes. 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 group returned from executive session at 6:16 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 16, 2016.

Iris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nick seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services