LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Recorded virtual meeting

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Nick stated that the virtual meeting was being held in compliance with the **Open Public Meetings Act.**

Roll Call:

Kevin McNeil	*present*	Nicholas Ciampa	*present*	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	*present*
Iris Kislin	*present*	Mayor Kramer	*present*	Edward Ward	*present*
Tianna Gresham	*present*	Agnes Kulu-Banya	*present*		

January Adams   *present*

Iris motioned to open the meeting to public comments and Kevin seconded. There being no members of the public signed on for the first public comment portion of the meeting, the first public comment portion of meeting was closed to the public

Iris motioned to approve the minutes of the February 24 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 February. The financial reports were filed for audit.

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

- March 13, 2021 marked the one-year anniversary of the library closing for the pandemic.
- January cited the resourcefulness and creativity of the staff during the past year.
- All three winter reading programs have ended. All were successful.
- The Young Adult Librarian and members of the Technical Services department have started work on organizing the young adult books and videos awarded from YALSA's Great Book Giveaway that are destined for the northern branch.

President's Report:

None

Correspondence and communications:

   Library Journal: "The Price of a Pandemic," by Lisa Peet, February 2021

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The audit for the year ended June 30, 2020 was briefly discussed. January will ask the auditors to correct a small typo in the narrative section of the report.

Various members expressed their desire that meeting notices be accessible via the library's event calendar and that significant meetings related to the southern branch be more prominently displayed on the library's web site.

There being no members of the public signed on for the second public comment portion, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed to the public.

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) Personnel
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 Tianna. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

The board returned from Executive Session at 6:47 and the meeting was re-opened to the public. At that time, Ed motioned to increase the Director's salary by 3% retroactive to July 1, 2020. The new salary will be $128, 370 for the fiscal year 19/20.

The next meeting will be on April 28, 2021.

NBC motioned to adjourn, Iris seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:51.

January Adams
Director of Library Services