

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 28, 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	<i>present</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>present</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Edward Ward	<i>present</i>
Tianna Gresham	<i>present</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

Iris motioned to open the meeting to public comments and NBC seconded. Veronica Avenir, 60 Clover Place, Franklin Park and Anabelle Alvarez, 60 Clover Place, Franklin Park voiced their concerns about the location and necessity of the proposed southern branch. After discussion, the first public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

NBC motioned to approve the minutes of the March 24 meeting. Iris seconded and all were in favor.

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:

- Since most other libraries in the area are only offering curbside pickup, people are especially appreciative that FTPL is offering Grab 'n' Go for those who like to browse the shelves.
- The Bunny Bonanza outreach on March 26 was very successful despite it being a very windy day.
- The library had 25 adult programs with 635 attendees during March. Four new programs were posted on the Kids' Blog in addition to two new Take and Make programs.
- A volunteer with knowledge of the township's history has started reviewing Bob Mettler's collection of memorabilia.

President's Report:

Nick updated the board on the progress that has been made in determining a timeline for construction of the southern branch. If all goes well, the project can go out to bid on September 1 with construction starting in mid-November at the earliest.

Correspondence and communications:

Library Journal: "Misinformation," by Mahnaz Dar, March 2021. During the discussion of this article, January informed board members that the library had held a panel addressing questions about the Covid vaccine in February and would be holding a second panel shortly titled *I'm Vaccinated, Now What?*

The Mayor commented on January's appropriate response to a patron's email concerning waiving overdue fees for a hardship situation.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

January asked board members if they would be interested in pursuing the idea that the director of SCLS had presented to her of creating a pilot program for reciprocal borrowing between FTPL and SCLS. She added that she thought this would be a great service for all involved.

Iris motioned that the board go forward with investigating the possibility of a pilot program for reciprocal borrowing between FTPL and SCLS. Ed seconded and all were in favor.

Nick motioned to release the executive session minutes from the March 24, 2021 board meeting with Agnes Kulu-Banya's name corrected. Iris seconded and all were in favor

The meeting was opened for the second public comment portion. Veronica Avenir and Anabel Alvarez continued voicing their concerns about the location and necessity of the southern branch. January will provide statistics related to the current southern branch. The second public comment portion of the meeting was then closed.

The next meeting will be on May 26, 2021.

Kevin motioned to adjourn, NBC seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28.

January Adams
Director of Library Services