

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 26, 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. Nick stated that all who wished to speak should give their name and address. Speaking time would be limited to three minutes and to one person at a time. There being no members of the public that wished to speak at this time, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

NBC motioned to approve the minutes of the April 28 meeting. Ed seconded and all were in favor.

**Director's Report:**

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

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

- During April, the library held 24 adult programs with 729 attendees. Four new weekend fun programs were posted on the Kids' Blog in addition to a new Take & Make program and two Story Times to Go.
- The Reference Librarian and volunteer had continued visiting Aruna Mettler's home to access Bob Mettler's collection of historical materials.
- On April 28, Saffie Kallon had given January and the library's IT Manager a tour of the Youth Center, which looks like it is going to be a beautiful addition to the township. Saffie and other staff members have been very responsive to the library's questions and concerns.
- Summer reading will begin on June 15 and end on August 25 for children and adults, and on August 19 for teens.
- The Head of Youth Services had received approval to use the gazebo on various dates for nursery rhyme programs, story times, and the Story Trail program

**President's Report:**

Nick had recently visited the library space at the Youth Center and was pleased with what he saw.

**Correspondence and communications:**

"Planning Board Plans for Post-pandemic and Approves Subdivision to Build New Library Building," by Mark Renfree, *Tap into Franklin/Somerset*, May 7, 2021

"NYC Public Libraries Eye Next Phase of Reopening," by Jim O'Grady, *Gothamist*, April 20, 2021

"Bedrocks of Freedom," by Joann and Kenneth C. Davis, *Publishers Weekly*, May 10, 2021

A brief discussion of the contents of the second and third article followed.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Iris motioned to accept the proposed 21/22 library budget as presented and Kevin seconded.

Roll call vote:

Kevin McNeil	yes	Nicholas Ciampa	yes	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	yes
Iris Kislin	yes	Edward Ward	yes		
Tianna Gresham	yes	Agnes Kulu-Banya	yes		

The library will be following the Township Council’s lead, which requires masks in all public areas of township owned buildings, beyond the removal date of the governor’s mask-wearing mandate.

The meeting was opened for the second session of public comments: Andy Milone of *New Brunswick Today* stated that he wished to interview Nick and January about the southern branch. Nick will send Andy contact information. The public comment portion was then closed.

**The next meeting** will be on July 28, 2021.

NBC motioned to adjourn, Iris seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:12.

January Adams  
Director of Library Services