

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Recorded virtual meeting

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:46 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 *present*

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

Tianna motioned to approve the minutes of the February 23 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 February. The financial reports were filed for audit.

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

- The southern branch construction site has been cleared of trees, fencing is up, and trailers have been moved on to the property. An aerial photograph of the site that was taken by the library's drone on March 15 was included in board packets.
- The Adult Services Department had scheduled 28 adult programs that 397 people attended.
- All three winter reading programs concluded on February 28.
- The library is accepting submissions to its Annual Online Teen Poetry Jam.
- On March 11, January participated in a live streaming event in the lobby of the library highlighting the drawings of Kyoto Bartley.

President's Report:

Nick submitted his research on the state's 1/3 mill library funding, comparing the amounts generated by the current method of using property values vs. the amounts that would be generated using the populations of towns. He also included a comparison of Franklin Township's library taxes compared with the taxes of member towns of the Somerset County Library System for 2021/2022

Correspondence and communications:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ed asked to have a copy of the Online Teen Poetry Jam contest sent to him.

Kevin motioned to hold April's board meeting virtually and to have a discussion at the April meeting when to go back to in-person meetings. Iris seconded. During the discussion, Kevin and Iris stated that they wanted to keep meeting virtually until the pandemic had cleared. Board members asked January to check with the library's attorney to see how long the board could continue meeting in a virtual format. All members voted in favor of Kevin's motion.

Nick opened the meeting to public comment. There being no comments, the public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

The next meeting will be April 27 2022 via Zoom.

NBC motioned to adjourn, Tianna seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14.

January Adams
Director of Library Services