

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Recorded virtual meeting

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:53 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>absent</i>	Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>absent</i>
Iris Kislin	<i>absent</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Amy Arsiwala	<i>present</i>
Tianna Gresham	<i>present</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

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

Agnes motioned to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting. Nick 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:

- The library's Annual Online Teen Poetry Jam contest ended on April 21.
- The library will hold an Outdoor Scavenger Hunt for teens from May 8 to June 12.
- The Adult Services Department held 40 adult programs that 365 people attended. The Youth Services Department held 34 in-person programs for 1,150 people.
- Applications closed on April 6 for the Reading Buddies program.
- Construction at the new branch has resumed due to the acceptance and implementation of a workaround solving the problem of the extremely delayed fabrication and delivery of an electrical panel. The old branch site has closed and all the equipment and furnishings have been moved out.

President's Report:

None

Correspondence and communications:

- "Delay in Equipment Delivery Pushes Opening of New Library Branch," by Bill Bowman. *Franklin Reporter and Advocate*, March 23, 2023
- "The War on Books," by Melissa Gira Grant. *The New Republic*, April 2023
- "Let's Keep the Presses Rolling," by Rich Letchinger. *Publishers Weekly*, March 13, 2023

Old Business:

January had send board members a Kalwall “materials only” budget estimate, along with an email from the architect stating that there will be other costs associated with replacing the roof, including, but not limited to, removal of the existing roof, protection of the interior, and other miscellaneous costs, making the architect’s preliminary estimate for the project 1.3 million dollars.

These materials were meant to give an idea of the costs. The project will need to go out to bid.

After the last board meeting January had arranged for a Kalwall representative to come to the April 26 meeting, but she had learned on April 21 that he would not be able to make the meeting.

Since the Kalwall representative had not been able to attend the April meeting, the board could invite the representative to a meeting with less than a quorum present, schedule a special meeting that would need to be publicized in advance, or wait until the next board meeting on May 24.

New Business:

None

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

The next meeting will be May 24, 2023 via Zoom.

Agnes motioned to adjourn, Nick seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services