

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
Recorded meeting

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Nick stated that the 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>absent</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>	Amy Arsiwala	<i>absent</i>
Tianna Gresham	<i>absent</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

**Nick opened the meeting to public comments.**

Township resident Michele Petersen expressed her concerns over the contents of a young adult book titled *Let's Talk About It*. Ms. Petersen had submitted a Reconsideration Form to the library's Collection Development Committee on March 12 for the same book and wanted to know its status. January and various board members explained that the response to her request had not been finalized yet. Ms. Petersen should expect a written response within two or three days of the board meeting.

There being no other comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

Kevin motioned to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024 meeting. Agnes seconded. 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 Adult Services Department held 47 adult programs that 623 people attended.
- The Youth Services Department held 34 programs that 1,150 people attended.
- The ILS migration's go live date is May 15.
- The Gallery roof replacement project is now scheduled to start on or about April 8 and run through May. Staff members have begun relocating parts of the collection out of the gallery into the west wing.
- The application window for the annual Summer Reading Buddies volunteer program for teens opened on March 6, 2024.
- The Franklin Park Branch Manager, the Head of Youth Services, and a part-time staff member attended Franklin Park school's literacy and math night on March 14. The evening was a great success for library promotion.

**President's Report:**

Upon visiting the Franklin Park Branch yesterday, I was able to observe our Librarian conduct a program for a first grade class from neighboring Franklin Park School. It was a pleasure to see a few dozen young students, each with materials in hand, having a jolly good time.

I also learned from Staff that on Saturday, March 23, during a prolonged heavy rain storm, that the rain gardens and the retention basin functioned as designed and intended.

**Correspondence and communications:**

None

**Old Business:**

Discussion of EV charging stations focusing on electrical facilities

**New Business:**

Mayor Kramer motioned that the board take no action at this time for the proposed change order to the Request for Additional Per Scope of Work #1 and discuss again at the next board meeting. Kevin seconded and all were in favor.

**Nick opened the meeting for public comment II**

Ms. Petersen acknowledged that S2421 that she had cited in her earlier comments was a bill and not a law. She added some information to her earlier statements and asked again for the status of her request.

There being no other comments, the meeting was closed to public comments.

**The next meeting** will be April 23, 2024 via Zoom.

NBC motioned to adjourn, Kevin seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27.

January Adams  
Director of Library Services