

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

This meeting was videotaped.

President Nick Ciampi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

It was noted that the meeting was being held in compliance with the **Open Public Meetings Act**.

**Roll Call:**

John Clyde	<i>absent</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>
Tom Lennon	<i>present</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present (from 5:40)</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

There being no members of the public present, the meeting was not opened to the public.

Iris nominated Nick for the office of President for 2018. Nick nominated Iris for Secretary for 2018 and NBC nominated himself for the office of Vice President/Treasurer for 2018. There were no other nominations. Iris, as secretary, cast one vote for all the nominees.

NBC motioned to accept the minutes from the November 15, 2017 meeting. Ed seconded, and all were in favor. NBC motioned to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2017 special meeting. Tom seconded and all were in favor. NBC motioned to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2018 special 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 December. The financial reports were filed for audit.

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

- One thousand two hundred and fifty-one people attended 91 programs held at the library and the branch during the last month.
- The library's winter reading programs started on January 10. The Family (a.k.a. children's) program had kicked off with a visit from Frosty the Snowman – always a popular visitor to the library.
- The first run of the automatic library card renewal reports was completed successfully and the first batch of postcards would be sent out shortly.
- Board members had received one article related to libraries in their packets.

**President's Report:** Nick thanked the director and staff of the library for their work. He also thanked Mayor Kramer, Bob Vornlocker and Vince Dominach for their assistance with the board's plans to purchase property. Nick next requested that the board of trustees be included in any future joint meetings of the township council and board of education. In addition, he asked that there be a council liaison to the board.

**Correspondence and communications:**

Article from *Publisher's Weekly* titled "Print Sales up Again in 2017." A brief discussion of the popularity of print versus ebooks followed.

**Old Business:**

January reviewed the cost analyses of building and setting up libraries in the northern and southern areas of the town that she had sent out to board members.

**New Business:**

Tom motioned that the library board be given a council liaison who would have a voice, but not a vote, at library board meetings. NBC seconded and all were in favor. The Mayor thought that either Kimberly Francois or Theodore Chase would be appropriate choices since each represented wards that either had a proposed branch or an existing branch.

NBC motioned to accept the proposed board meeting schedule for 2018. Tom seconded and all were in favor.

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters:
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - a) Property negotiations
  - b) Franklin Park branch lease extension
3. The Franklin Township Public Library Board of Trustees may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Executive Session.
4. The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The aforesaid resolution was moved by NBC and seconded by Iris. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 5:59 p.m.

Property negotiations and extension of the current lease on the Franklin Park branch were discussed during executive session.

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 6:17 p.m.

Tom motioned to accept the new lease extension for the Franklin Park branch and Agnes seconded.

Roll Call vote:

Nicholas Ciampa	<i>yes</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>yes</i>	Iris Kislin	<i>yes</i>
Edward Ward	<i>yes</i>	Tom Lennon	<i>yes</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>yes</i>

**The next meeting** will be February 28, 2018.

Ed motioned to adjourn the meeting and Iris seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

January Adams  
Director of Library Services