

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

President Damion Summerer called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call:

Damion Summerer	<i>present</i>	Agnes Kulu-Banya	<i>present</i>	John Clyde	<i>present</i>
Nicholas Ciampa	<i>present</i>	Nabil Choueiri (NBC)	<i>absent</i>	Iris Kislin	<i>present</i>
Carolyn Armstrong	<i>absent</i>	Mayor Kramer	<i>present</i>		
January Adams	<i>present</i>				

John motioned to open the meeting to the public. Iris seconded and all were in favor. Canal Walk resident Deborah Katz spoke about her desire that FTPL re-join the Somerset County Library System and requested that the Board reconsider this idea. Resident Ann Taylor cited some issues with the county system and stated that she thought that the library was better off remaining independent. John motioned to close the meeting to the public, Damion seconded and all were in favor.

Damion stated that the minutes from the February 22 regular meeting and the February 22 executive session were accepted as corrected.

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 Simultaneous Chess Tournament on March 12 was successful and had received coverage in two online newspapers.
- One thousand, three hundred and seventy-eight people attended 88 programs held at the library during the last month.
- All of the winter reading programs were over. Forty-one adults had read 198 books and 57 children had read 19,908 minutes. Planning for the summer reading programs is already well underway.
- The Young Adult Librarian had held a Digital Audio Open House as part of the program created with grant funds. Some of the many programs being offered in the coming weeks included a concert by the Celtic Martins on March 23, NJ Maker's day on March 25, Helpful Tips for Homeowners on March 28, Friends and Family CPR on March 29, and Square Foot Gardening on April 30.
- Finally, she cited some statistics from the library's 2016 State Aid application. Specifically that there had been ¼ million visits to the library; that the library had offered 523 programs for children and 679 programs for adults that had been attended by 20,500 people; and that the number of volumes in the library had reached 202,232.

Correspondence and communications:

Franklin Reporter & Advocate article on the Simultaneous Chess Tournament

New Business:

Acceptance of the audit for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 was tabled to the April meeting.

Iris motioned to accept the Proposed Transfer Form as prepared by the auditors. Nick seconded and all were in favor.

Nick motioned to accept IRS Form 990 as prepared by the auditors. Iris seconded and all were in favor.

Mayor Kramer read a letter from a patron that had been sent to him and Board President Damion Summerer requesting assistance in resolving an issue involving an unpaid bill for lost items. January stated that it was library policy, which was available in print and on the library's website, that it was the borrower's responsibility to pay for lost items. If the borrower opted to buy a replacement rather than just pay the library for it, that replacement must be brand new and have the exact ISBN as the lost item. She also provided some background history on this specific incident. After a brief discussion the board decided to make an exception and waive parts of the bill.

Mayor Kramer announced with pride and pleasure that the Lady Warriors had won the 2017 NJSIAA's Tournament of Champions trophy in a very exciting game against the team from Manasquan.

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
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 Iris and seconded by Agnes. All were in favor and the board adjourned into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

Property options and negotiations were discussed during executive session.

The next meeting will be April 26, 2017.

Iris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Agnes seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services