

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 26, 2018

President Nick Ciampa called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Roll Call:

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| John Clyde | <i>absent</i> | Nicholas Chiampa | <i>present</i> | Nabil Choueiri (NBC) | <i>present</i> |
| Iris Kislin | <i>ill</i> | Mayor Kramer | <i>present</i> | Edward Ward | <i>present</i> |
| Tom Lennon | <i>absent</i> | Agnes Kulu-Banya | <i>absent</i> | | |
| January Adams | <i>present</i> | | | | |

The meeting was opened to the public. There being no members of the public present who wished to speak, it was closed. NBC motioned to accept the minutes from the August 22 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 August. The financial reports were filed for audit.

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

- One thousand, eight hundred and twenty-four people attended 95 programs held at the library during the last month.
- The final statistics for the three summer reading programs have been compiled. The Family (a.k.a. Children's) Program ended with 400 members who read 4,891 books. Of these, 108 participants reached the 1,000 minute goal. The Young Adult Program had seventy teens who recorded a total of 569 books. The Adult Program had a total of 113 participants who read 555 books.
- Now that fall is upon the library there will be many autumnal themed programs. The Youth Services Department's annual Halloween trick or treat event is a perennial favorite. Staff members and patrons always look forward to seeing the trick or treaters in their costumes making their way through the library.

President's Report:

Nick volunteered to read over the minutes from the executive sessions from 2017 and 2018 and make a recommendation to the board at the October meeting of which ones can now be made available to the public.

Nick then asked each trustee and January to think about the board's priorities regarding a new southern branch, and the extent of our participation at the Lewis Street site and/or another site in the northeast area. He proposed that these issues be discussed at the October meeting.

Correspondence and Communications:

"Why Libraries Still Matter," *New York Times* article, September 9, 2018

Old Business:

See President's Report

New Business:

None

The meeting was reopened for public comment. No comments were forthcoming.

The next meeting will be October 24, 2018. Ed noted that he will be unable to attend.

Mayor Kramer motioned to adjourn. NBC seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

January Adams
Director of Library Services