

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 19, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

6:01 PM

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION:

Provided by Ms. Sawyer

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:

Ms. Sawyer stated that this meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of the meeting was provided by way of the Burlington County Times, the Courier Post, and the Mount Laurel Sun, and it was posted in the library and on its website.

ROLL CALL:

Chris Bleiholder - *Present*

Noreen Duffey – *Absent*

Denise Gamble – *Present*

Roger Gibson – *Present*

Kareem Pritchett – *Absent*

Susan Rovi - *Present*

Fredda Sacharow – *Absent*

Stephanie Sawyer – *Present*

Walter F. Stridick – *Present*

ALSO PRESENT:

Ed Campbell, Esq.- Library Attorney

Becky Boydston- Library Director

Laureen Bacon- Library Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of March 15, 2023 minutes of meeting:

Motion to approve: Mr. Bleiholder

2nd: Ms. Rovi

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

APPROVAL of BILL LIST and BILL LIST ADDENDUM:

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Mr. Bleiholder

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

Ms. Boydston reported that the addition of the video conferencing and screen system in the Craft Room has been completed. This will allow the Library staff to more easily engage in video conferencing for their online programs as well as Board meetings when necessary.

Ms. Boydston reported that the Stuffed Animal Sleepover hosted by a local Girl Scouts Troop was a huge success. The Girl Scouts registered the stuffed animals, took pictures during the sleepover, and wrote up a story of about what the stuffed animals did. More information about the event can be found on the Library's Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES- The Deadline for the Board members to complete and submit their Financial Disclosure information is April 30, 2023.

RAIN GARDEN AND SIDEWALKS- Library was considered as a site to receive a rain garden through a grant. The Library is also considering replacing the sidewalk at the rear of the building to provide a more suitable walking path. Mr. Stridick asked if the sidewalk would be ADA compliant and Ms. Boydston confirmed it would be. More information about both projects will be forthcoming in the future.

SOLAR GRANT- Ms. Boydston reported that the Library is applying for a \$300,000 grant through EBSCO to receive solar panels on 12,000 sq. ft. of the roof. Mr. Gibson asked if the Library will own the panels and Ms. Boydston confirmed it will.

LEGAL ISSUES FOR LIBRARIES WEBINAR PART 2- Board members Sawyer, Duffey, and Rovi indicated that they attended the most recent webinar. A review of the Collection Development Policy should be done in the near future to make sure the Library is prepared for any challenges to library materials.

2023-018 AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SURPLUS ON DISCOVER BOOKS

Motion to Approve: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Ms. Gamble

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:38 P.M.: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Mr. Bleiholder

All in favor