

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

OPENING REMARKS: Provided by Mr. Stridick

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:

Mr. Stridick stated that this virtual meeting via Zoom 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 on the library's front door and on its website.

ROLL CALL:

Gina Acerbo -present
Diane Blair - *absent*
Karen Cohen - present
Noreen Duffey - present
Marie Kromplewski - present
Dennis Marks - present
Stephanie Sawyer - present
Stephen Steglik - present
Walter Stridick - present

ALSO PRESENT:

John Armano, Esq.
Becky Boydston
Gayle McCormick

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of May 20, 2020 meeting:

Motion: Ms. Duffey

2nd: Ms. Cohen

All in Favor

APPROVAL of BILL LISTS and BILL LIST ADDENDUM dated 6/12/20 and 6/16/20:

Motion: Ms. Cohen

2nd: Mr. Marks

Roll Call: 8 yes votes

REPORT from LIBRARY STAFF:

Ms. Boydston provided an update on Governor Murphy's latest decisions regarding the timeline and procedure for reopening the library safely. The governor recently announced that curbside pickup of library materials would be allowed sooner than previously anticipated but Ms. Boydston has already begun developing a system to handle the process and will be ready for implementation June 22nd. Mr. Stridick asked how this news would be promulgated. In reply, Ms. Boydston said that the library's website has been updated with instructions for patrons who wish to reserve items and pick them up. Also, an announcement will be posted on Facebook in a day or two. The digital lawn sign will be updated with this news as well. Finally, Ms. Boydston is considering sending a blast email to library patrons regarding curbside pickup.

Currently, only staff members who are essential for completion of permitted tasks have been reporting to the library. Divided into two teams, those employees are working alternating days and following safety precautions including social distancing, wearing masks, frequent hand washing, and quarantining returned library materials and mail. It is not known when the next step toward reopening will be allowed by Governor Murphy nor what services that will entail.

Ms. Sawyer asked about the bookdrop and its ability to accommodate the return of Book Club To Go bags. Ms. Boydston said that those bags, as well as cake pans and board games, are not able to be returned via the book drop but she will consider other ways to accept those returns.

Plexiglass barriers for the Circulation Desk and the Information Desk have been ordered. Ms. Boydston is confident that the barriers will be installed before the library is permitted to allow patrons in the building.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

All new business was addressed in the Report from Library Staff, above.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Harriette Cohen was not sure she would be able to attend tonight's Zoom meeting so she submitted an email regarding her concerns to Ms. Boydston who read it aloud. Inasmuch as Ms. Cohen is a licensed clinical social worker, she has concerns about the effect of the library's closure on the well-being of children who would normally use the library as a safe place to socialize and learn. She suggested scheduling outdoor activities this summer including reading to children. Ms. Boydston will consider the logistics of holding programs outdoors this summer in a safe manner.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM: Ms. Sawyer

All in favor