

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION: Provided by Mr. Stridick

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:

Mr. Stridick 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 Central Record, and the Mount Laurel Sun, and it was posted in the library and on its website.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

John Armano, Esq.
Becky Boydston
Gayle McCormick

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of May 16, 2018 meeting
Motion: Ms. Kromplewski
2nd: Mr. Folcher
All in Favor

APPROVAL of BILL LIST and BILL LIST ADDENDUM:

Motion: Mr. Marks
2nd: Ms. Sawyer
Roll Call: 7 yes votes

REPORT from LIBRARY STAFF:

Parking Lot Improvements

Ms. Boydston said the parking lot project began June 12th and work has been progressing steadily. Unexpectedly, all handicap parking was made inaccessible today while the workers began replacing sidewalk in that area. Ms. Boydston promptly contacted Mr. Long and a representative of the Alaimo Group is expected to visit the site tomorrow to plan the quickest resolution possible for restoration of handicap-accessible parking spaces.

Cake Pans

Cake pans are now available for checkout and some patrons have expressed that they are pleased with this addition to the library's collection.

Outstanding Customer Service

Mr. Marks commented that one of our newer librarians, Ken, was especially helpful, knowledgeable and courteous recently while assisting Mr. Marks' wife.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to discuss

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2018-25: Review of Annual Audit

Trustees attest by signing an affidavit that they have reviewed the annual audit report prepared and distributed last month by Mr. Marrone at Bowman & Company. There were no findings, and any discussion items have already been addressed or ameliorated, according to Ms. Boydston.

Motion to approve: Mr. Folcher

2nd: Ms. Duffey

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

RESOLUTION 2018-26: Adopt a Change to the Display Policy

The library's display policy describes what may or may not be displayed by library staff and by organizations or individuals who reserve the glass display cases near the library's front entrance. Ms. Boydston explained that the policy has not been reworded since the 1990's and is particularly restrictive inasmuch as it prohibits displays for holidays such as St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving and Halloween. The library follows school board policy in this regard and the school board's current policy is now far less restrictive regarding such displays. The proposed policy change will still prohibit overt religious displays (e.g. nativity scenes) but will allow for secular and seasonal holiday displays. The library will neither promote nor disparage any particular group and will employ an equal opportunity approach to the materials displayed. Commercial advertisements and political displays will not be permitted.

Mr. Stridick would like to change the wording in paragraph two. He suggests, "The library reserves the right to **approve** the content and arrangement of all exhibits, and the Library Director or designee makes the final determination as to whether the materials comply with these guidelines." might better be stated as, "The library reserves the right to **review** the content and arrangement of all exhibits, and the Library Director or designee makes the final determination as to whether the materials comply with these guidelines."

Motion to approve with change noted above: Ms. Sawyer

2nd: Mr. Folcher

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

RESOLUTION 2018-27: Authorization to Sell Surplus on Better World Books

This is a continuation of periodic effort to remove outdated and otherwise unusable materials (books, DVDs) from the library's collection since the last approval.

Motion to approve: Ms. Acerbo

2nd: Mr. Marks

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

RESOLUTION 2018-28: Approve Change Order for Parking Lot Renovations

As discussed at the April meeting, the winning bid for parking lot improvements was low enough to consider increasing the scope of work to include replacement of sidewalks and curbing. Also, it was discovered that a drainage pipe requires repair before repaving. Ms. Boydston explained that the paving company proposed \$20,000 for drainage pipe repair but Ms. Tomczyk was able to convince them to repair the pipe for \$12,000.

Motion to approve: Mr. Marks

2nd: Ms. Duffey

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM: Mr. Marks

2nd: Mr. Folcher

All in favor