

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Board Meeting
April 17, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

6:00PM

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 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*

Nick Moustakas – *Present*

Susan Rovi - *Present*

Fredda Sacharow – *Present*

Stephanie Sawyer – *Present*

Walter F. Stridick – *Present*

ALSO PRESENT:

Ed Campbell, Esq.- Library Attorney

Becky Boydston- Library Director

Laureen Bacon- Library Administrative Assistant

Julie Binger- Library Assistant Director

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of March 20, 2024 minutes of meeting:

Motion to approve: Mr. Bleiholder

2nd: Ms. Sacharow

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

APPROVAL of the April 12, 2024, BILL LIST in the amount of \$57,917.34 and the April 17, 2024, BILL LIST ADDENDUM in the amount of \$14,573.02:

Motion to approve: Ms. Sawyer

2nd: Mr. Bleiholder

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

Ms. Bodyston reported that the Hold Lockers launch went smoothly, and they are being received well by the public. The Library will be halting the ability to create advanced Group Study Room reservations for the first half of May due to the implementation of the new Library Calendar software. The Friends of the Library semi annual book sale will be on April 17th-April 20th. The Mount Laurel Garden Club is having a plant sale on April 20th. Walter Stridick noted that the Friends recently donated \$12,600 to pay for the museum passes for the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE

Ms. Boydston and Assistant Director Julie Binger recently met with Alaimo Engineers to go over the working plans of the 4 planned renovations: extension of the Meeting Rooms, Information Desk remodel, indoor garden removal, creation of an ADA compliant family bathroom, and a glass wall partition in the Children's area. The next step is to get pricing information from the contractor William Gross. The project is projected to commence towards the end of 2024.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

Ms. Boydston reminded everyone that financial disclosures are due by the end of April

STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. Boydston reported that she has been attending the Strategic Planning Training offered by the State Library. Julie Binger, Walter Stridick, Fredda Sacharow, Sue Rovi and Noreen Duffey also attended. The goal is to create a community focused plan by doing a community needs assessment and then planning ways the Library can help meet the needs of the community. The planning process should take a minimum of 24 weeks to complete. The next step is to establish the planning team. Ms. Boydston and Ms. Binger would be on the team. We are also looking for suggestions for other community members who might be interested. Ms. Rovi mentioned that she has experience with focus groups and qualitative and quantitative analysis. We will continue this discussion at the next meeting.

2024-018 AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SURPLUS ON DISCOVER BOOKS

Ms. Boydston advised that Discover Books will no longer take library discards so this resolution will be tabled until an alternative can be found.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:37PM: Ms. Sawyer
2nd: Mr. Bleiholder
All in favor