

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Board Meeting
May 15, 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 – *Present*

Denise Gamble – *Present*

Roger Gibson – *Present*

Nick Moustakas – *Present*

Susan Rovi - *Present*

Fredda Sacharow – *Present*

Stephanie Sawyer – *Absent*

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 April 17, 2024 minutes of meeting:

Motion to approve: Mr. Bleiholder

2nd: Ms. Sacharow

All in Favor

APPROVAL of the May 10, 2024, BILL LIST in the amount of \$143,177.57 and the May 15, 2024, BILL LIST ADDENDUM in the amount of \$3,710.35:

Motion to approve: Ms. Duffey

2nd: Ms. Gamble

Roll Call: 8 yes votes

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

Ms. Boydston reported that the Hold Lockers are continuing to be received well by the public. The Library will be undergoing its annual financial Audit next week. "Poem in Your Pocket" Day was very successful: Library staff listened to 233 poems in total. Erica listened to 180 of the poems! The Library will have a table at the upcoming Juneteenth event at Laurel Acres Park on June 19th from 5-8pm. June's Library Board meeting will be held on Tuesday June 18th due to the Library's closure on Wednesday June 19th. The Library is starting a Silent Book Club in June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Duffey requested the recording of the most recent State Library Strategic Planning webinar.

NEW BUSINESS:

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Library is continuing to move forward with the strategic planning process. The next step is to establish the planning team. We are continuing to look for suggestions for community members who might be interested in serving on the committee. Assistant Director Julie Binger is sourcing potential members from the Township's Diversity and Inclusion Board. Mr. Gibson mentioned potential Mount Laurel School Board members that might be interested as well. Ms. Gamble also stated that she knew of potential community members that might be interested in serving on the committee.

CHANGE OF BANK

Township is looking into changing Banks. The Library will most likely change Bank's with the Township to allow for continued use ease of payroll processing.

2024-018 AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SURPLUS ON BETTER WORLD BOOKS

Ms. Boydston stated that the Library will now be selling it's book discards to Better World Books.

Motion to approve: Mr. Moustakas

2nd: Mr. Bleiholder

Roll Call: 8 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Gamble read a question she received from 17-year-old Mount Laurel resident Alex Sharpe.

The question asked: When books are donated to the Library, what criteria does the Library use to determine which of those books get added to the Library's catalog versus which books are given to the "Friends of the Library" to sell. Ms. Boydston answered by stating that all book donations are given to the "Friends" to sell unless they are specifically requested to be donated to the Library.

Alex Sharp asked the additional question: How long does the Library generally keep books in its catalog?

Ms. Boydston answered by stating that the length of time varies based on the number of times a book is has been checked out, the length of time since a book has last been checked out, the accuracy of the content in the book, and the overall physical quality of the book.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:43PM: Mr. Moustakas

2nd: Ms. Duffey

All in favor