

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2019**

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 - present
Karen Cohen - present
Noreen Duffey - present
Marie Kromplewski - present
Dennis Marks - present
Stephanie Sawyer - present
Stephen Steglik - present
Walter Stridick - present

ALSO PRESENT:

Keith Trimble, Esq.
Becky Boydston
Gayle McCormick

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of September 18, 2019 meeting
Motion: Mr. Marks
2nd: Ms. Acerbo
7 yes votes, 2 abstentions

**APPROVAL of BILL LIST, BILL LIST ADDENDUM,
and Special Bill List for Payment to the State of New Jersey:**

Motion: Ms. Cohen
2nd: Ms. Sawyer
Roll Call: 9 yes votes

REPORT from LIBRARY STAFF:

Internet and Network Upgrade

Work continues on the internet and network upgrade. Infrastructure work should be completed in November resulting in more bandwidth at a lower cost and increased speed.

Water Fountain

The new bottle-filling water station in the Children's area has been installed. Funds for this fountain were provided by the Friends and a sign will be placed nearby to acknowledge their generous contribution.

Meeting Room Divider

Estimates for a new meeting room divider are approximately \$21,000. The current divider, which was installed over 20 years ago, is not opening and closing properly. Additionally, a new divider is expected to provide better soundproofing. The Friends have tentatively agreed to pay for this project.

Museum Passes

Unfortunately, our popular Grounds for Sculpture passes will be phased out as they expire, last in July 2020. Due to their loss of grant funding Grounds for Sculpture is no longer able to offer any library museum passes. Fortunately, we now have available passes for the Intrepid Air & Space Museum in New York and we should soon have passes for the Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle in Doylestown, PA and the Alice Paul Institute in Mount Laurel.

Friends Book Sale

The next book sale is scheduled for October 24th through 26th. Member preview night is on Wednesday October 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Sawyer inquired whether the new automatic renewal system for library items has impacted revenue generated from fines. Ms. Boydston thinks it may be too soon to verify a correlation but fines were already trending down with the increasing checkout of digital formats because those loans expire without generating fines.

Mr. Stridick mentioned that the Library Director Performance Review survey has been distributed to Trustees and the results will be compiled and presented at an upcoming Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2019-31: National Friends of Libraries Week

With three Friends in attendance, including Trustee Karen Cohen, Mr. Stridick read aloud the proclamation that Mount Laurel Library Board of Trustees officially recognizes October 20 to October

26, 2019 as National Friends of Libraries Week. We thank the Friends for their countless hours of hard work which benefit the library and the entire community in myriad ways, mainly by providing funding for much needed items, programs, and museum passes.

Motion to approve: Ms. Duffey

2nd: Ms. Kromplewski

Roll Call: 9 yes votes

RESOLUTION 2019-32: 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. Sawyer

2nd: Mr. Marks

Roll Call: 9 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:21 PM: Ms. Sawyer

2nd: Mr. Stridick

All in favor