

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting via Zoom
May 19, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 P.M.

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION: Provided by Ms. Sawyer

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:

Ms. Sawyer 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:

Gina Acerbo - present
Beth Demaio - *absent*
Noreen Duffey - present
Susan Fortuna – *absent*
Nick Moustakas – *absent*
Fredda Sacharow – present
McKenna Samson - present
Stephanie Sawyer – present
Walter Stridick - present

ALSO PRESENT:

Ed Campbell, Esq.
Becky Boydston
Gayle McCormick

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of April 21, 2021 minutes of meeting:
Motion: Ms. Sacharow, 2nd Ms. Acerbo
All in Favor

APPROVAL of BILL LIST, BILL LIST ADDENDUM 1, BILL LIST ADDENDUM 2:

Motion: Mr. Stridick, 2nd Ms. Duffey
Roll Call: 6 yes votes

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

Library Operating Hours

Ms. Boydston said the recent expansion of operating hours has gone well as more patrons come into the library. Hours are not fully back to normal and restrictions are still in place regarding face masks, capacity limits and social distancing since Governor Murphy has not yet lifted all mandates. Ms. Boydston will continue to monitor the governor's press releases for future guidance on reopening.

Friends of the Library

The Friends returned to the library for their latest meeting and decided that they would begin accepting donations of books and other materials beginning June 1st. At that time they will also begin selling books in-house again, those which are located in the back corner of the library. No date has been established for the resumption of large quarterly book sales.

Upcoming Meeting with Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Boydston and staff librarians will be meeting with Christina Fletcher, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction for Mount Laurel schools. The objective of the meeting is to help each organization tailor their summer reading lists and activities to complement each other's plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Staff Changes

Ms. Duffey inquired about whether a replacement for Wes Blackburn has been found. Ms. Boydston said that a relatively new employee, Stacie Riker, was a standout in her role as Library Assistant and, after a few candidates were interviewed, Ms. Riker was promoted to fill Mr. Blackburn's position as Assistant Circulation Supervisor. Further, Ms. Riker's vacated position has been filled by a new part-time employee.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2021-019: Authorization to Sell Surplus on Discover Books

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

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Ms. Sacharow

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

Financial Disclosure Forms

Ms. Boydston reminded all Trustees that they are required to complete the previously distributed financial disclosure form. The State of New Jersey's filing deadline is May 31st this year.

RESOLUTION 2021-020: Vote to Conduct Executive Session

Closed session was proposed by Ms. Boydston to discuss matters involving personnel.

Motion to approve: Ms. Duffey
2nd: Mr. Stridick
6 yes votes

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION at 6:24 P.M. for conclusion of meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM: Mr. Stridick
2nd: Ms. Duffey
All in favor