

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting via Zoom
September 22, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 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 - present as of 6:08
Noreen Duffey - present
Susan Fortuna – *absent*
Nick Moustakas – *absent*
Fredda Sacharow – present
McKenna Samson - present
Stephanie Sawyer – present
Walter Stridick – present until 6:20

ALSO PRESENT:

Ed Campbell, Esq.
Becky Boydston
Gayle McCormick

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of August 18, 2021 minutes of meeting:
Motion: Ms. Sacharow, 2nd Ms. Samson
All in Favor

APPROVAL of BILL LIST and BILL LIST ADDENDUM:

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

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

The library is now operating on a full, 7-day per week schedule and everything has been going well. Few programs have taken place inside the library but in-person events are expected to resume with increased frequency and attendance as things return to normal. The Friends are planning a book sale for October, the first in 22 months, and they have an abundance of inventory to offer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2021-027: Authorization to Sell Surplus on Discover Books

This is a continuation of periodic efforts to remove outdated and otherwise unusable materials including books and DVDs from the library's collection since the last approval.

Motion to approve: Ms. Acerbo

2nd: Mr. Stridick

Roll Call: 7 yes votes

Location of Future Board Meetings

Ms. Boydston asked whether any Trustees felt the need to resume in person meetings next month. None present thought it was time to return to the library for monthly meetings. Mr. Campbell stated that there was no obligation to do so at this time. It was decided that meetings for the remainder of 2021 will take place via Zoom. The issue will be discussed again in December.

Capital Projects

Ms. Boydston mentioned that the library's budget includes funds set aside for capital improvement projects. She has been brainstorming ideas and welcomes suggestions for discussion next month.

Included on her preliminary list of possible projects are the following:

1. Purchase of new self-checkout computers,
2. Replacement of the 1990s era Circulation desk with something more modern to better accommodate computer wiring and to service the ADA community as well as smaller children,
3. Purchase of a computer server since one will soon be due for replacement,
4. Installation of a 24-hour locker system for after-hours pickup of items on hold,
5. Creation of stations for checkout of tablet computers for use while in the library,
6. Installation of a covered pavilion on the lawn for outdoor programs.

Not all of these projects may prove feasible but Ms. Boydston wanted to open discussion and generate additional ideas for the best use of capital funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:28 PM: Ms. Duffey, 2nd: Ms. Sacharow
All in favor