

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

CALL TO ORDER:

6:02PM

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 – *Absent*

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 by Zoom

Becky Boydston- Library Director

Laureen Bacon- Library Administrative Assistant

Julie Binger – Library Assistant Director

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of June 18, 2024 minutes of meeting:

Motion to approve: Mr. Moustakas

2nd: Ms. Rovi

All in Favor

APPROVAL of the July 12, 2024 BILL LIST in the amount of \$49,532.70 and the July 17, 2024 BILL LIST

ADDENDUM in the amount of \$51,850.38:

Motion to approve: Ms. Duffey

2nd: Ms. Sacharow

Roll Call: 8 yes votes

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

Becky Boydston reported that the Summer Reading Challenge is a huge success. The Library has more registrants currently than the total number of registrants last year. The Library has installed patio tables with umbrellas in front of the building, which have been getting a steady amount of use. Ms. Boydston reported that the recent Miniature Therapy Horses program was a success and the upcoming Geocaching program and Giant Candyland program are projected to be a success as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

BOOK SANCTUARY

The Library is looking to officially become a Book Sanctuary. So far there are 28 book sanctuaries in New Jersey, none of which are in South Jersey. Board member Roger Gibson raised a concern that while this designation is in align with the Library's mission and values, making such declaration could invite problems where there wouldn't otherwise be any. Overall, the Board members agreed that this is a designation that the Library should pursue.

BANK CHANGE AND CHECK SIGNERS

Ms. Boydston reported that the Library will be following suit with Mount Laurel Township and will begin utilizing PNC Bank. The authorized check signers on the account are as follows:

Library Director – Becky Boydston
Assistant Library Director – Julie Binger
Administrative Assistant – Laureen Bacon
Mount Laurel Township CFO – Tara Krueger
Mount Laurel Township Manager – Meredith Riculfy

2024-020 REVIEW OF AUDIT

Motion to Approve: Ms. Duffey
2nd: Mr. Bleiholder
Roll Call: 8 yes votes

2024-021 AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SURPLUS ON BETTER WORLD BOOKS

Motion to approve: Mr. Bleiholder
2nd: Ms. Sawyer
Roll Call: 8 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:21PM: Mr. Bleiholder
2nd: Ms. Sacharow
All in favor