

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Board Meeting
September 21, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER:

6:03 P.M.

FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION:

Provided by Ms. Sacharow

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW STATEMENT:

Ms. Sacharow 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:

Beth Demaio – *absent*

Noreen Duffey – *present*

Susan Fortuna – *absent*

Denise Gamble – *present*

Fozia Janjua – *present*

Fredda Sacharow – *present*

McKenna Samson – *present via zoom*

Stephanie Sawyer – *absent*

Walter F. Stridick – *present*

ALSO PRESENT:

Ed Campbell, Esq.

Becky Boydston

Mary Ann Evoy

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of August 17, 2022 minutes of meeting:

Motion to approve: Ms. Duffey

2nd: Ms. Janjua

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

APPROVAL of BILL LIST and BILL LIST ADDENDUM:

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Ms. Gamble

Roll Call: 6 yes votes

REPORT FROM LIBRARY STAFF:

The Board Meeting was held under the new Pavilion as it is so very close to being finished. It needs a new railing that is ADA Compliant and a new door (which is on backorder). The railing's shipping is being expedited so the pavilions construction can be finished. It was noted that grass seed had been planted around the pavilion site so it will have a finished and beautiful look.

Ms. Boydston shared that the township Food Truck event was a big success with a large turnout. The Library had a table with kids prizes and other give away items including a cloth glass cleaner. There was good foot traffic in the library and 25 new library cards were issued! We also handed out our 100,000-library card to a lucky new library card holder! All in all, it was a very exciting day!

The Friends of the Mount Laurel Library donated Money for some services that are very helpful to the community at large. They are also selling shopping passes for Boscov's as a fund raiser.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Boydston discussed some new activities that are happening at the library that includes a new Science Fiction book club, Virtual Book Chats, Book Club to-go Bags and discussion groups that are meeting here.

RESOLUTIONS:

2022-028 Authorization to Sell Surplus on Discover Books

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Ms. Duffey

Roll Call: 6 yes

Virtual Trustee Training Institute has an event on October 8, 2022 from 9:00am – 4:00pm some of our board members are already signed up. We look forward to hearing the new information that they learn. Again, this event is free of charge!

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Simran Ransi, a Grad Student attended our board meeting to experience how they are done; a warm welcome was offered to her.

BOARD of TRUSTEES COMMENT:

The Board unanimously wanted to voice their appreciation of support for The Friends of The Mount Laurel Library and all the wonderful work they do on behalf of the library.

Resolution 2022-029 Executive Session

Motion to approve: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Ms. Gamble

Roll Call: 6 yes

Ms. Evoy exited the meeting before Executive Session at 6:22p.m.

Return to Regular Session at 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:31 P.M.: Mr. Stridick

2nd: Ms. Duffey

All in favor