

**Mount Laurel Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 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 Central Record, and the Mount Laurel Sun, and it was posted in the library and on its website.

ROLL CALL:

Dennis Marks - *absent*

Noreen Duffey - *absent*

Karen Cohen - *absent*

Marie Kromplewski - *absent*

Gina Acerbo - present

Stephanie Sawyer – present

Kurt Folcher - present

Diane Blair - present

Walter Stridick - present

ALSO PRESENT:

Keith Trimble, Esq.

Becky Boydston

Gayle McCormick

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

Approval of September 13, 2017 minutes of meeting:

Motion: Mr. Folcher, 2nd Ms. Acerbo

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

APPROVAL of BILL LIST and BILL LIST ADDENDUM:

Ms. Acerbo abstained from approval of the payment to Acerbo's Auto Trim & Lettering, Inc.

There were therefore not enough trustees present to approve that payment. Approval will be requested for disbursement of that check at the next meeting on November 15, 2017.

Motion to approve all bills except Acerbo Auto Trim: Mr. Stridick, 2nd Mr. Folcher

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

REPORT from LIBRARY STAFF:

Disaster Preparedness Planning

Ms. Boydston attended a disaster preparedness planning workshop in Burlington County. Part 2 of the workshop will take place next month after which Ms. Boydston will update the library's current plan as needed.

Fall Festival

Library staff attended Mount Laurel's Fall Festival and issued about 3 new library cards on-site by using our mobile hot spot.

Maker Space

The Maker Space drop-in sessions are going well. More than 20 people visited and the room during its first open session on October 1st. Drop-in time slots will continue to be offered a few times per month.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2017-35: National Friends of Libraries Week

Board Trustees wish to formally acknowledge the tremendous contribution of the Friends of the Library organization. The hard work and dedication of our Friends help to make Mount Laurel Library a better place. Their volunteer efforts and fundraising allow the library to purchase items and offer programs not otherwise feasible with the library's existing budget. As such, the Trustees wish to declare October 15 through October 21, 2017 to be Friends of the Library Week at Mount Laurel Library.

Motion to approve: Mr. Folcher, 2nd Ms. Acerbo

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

Nominating Committee

Ms. Blair has agreed to head the nominating committee for the Board of Trustees reorganization meeting planned in January 2018.

RESOLUTION 2017-36: Adopt Change to Library Code of Conduct

Existing policy regarding animals in the library does not distinguish between service animals required for help with disabilities and other animals such as therapy animals. Ms. Boydston proposes a more clear definition of which animals are allowed in the library, including those invited by the library for library-sponsored programs.

Mr. Folcher inquired about expanding the policy to include protocol for dealing with disruptive visitors.

Mr. Trimble will check case law for more information about handling chronically disruptive people without infringing on their rights inasmuch as the library is a public institution. Although individual incidents are not necessarily serious enough to warrant contacting the police, a pattern of documented lesser offenses might provide grounds for the library to restrict the offender's access in some way. All agreed this topic should be tabled until further information is available from Mr. Trimble.

Motion to approve policy change regarding animals: Mr. Stridick, 2nd Mr. Folcher

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION 2017-37: Authorization to Sell Surplus Through 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. Acerbo, 2nd Ms. Blair

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

RESOLUTION 2017-38: Authorization to Sell Surplus Through GovDeals.com

My Boydston seeks permission to auction items which are no longer used in the library including old printers, a neon movie sign, and other worn or outdated equipment.

Motion to approve: Ms. Blair, 2nd Mr. Stridick

Roll Call: 5 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM: Mr. Stridick, 2nd Mr. Folcher, All in favor