



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES January 15, 2020

In Attendance

Trustees:	Barak Bar-Cohen, Robert Ginsberg, Edwina Hawes, Jennifer Jang, Mayor Liz Lempert, Ruth Miller, Pam Wakefield
Library Staff:	Erica Bess, Susan Chernik, Susan Conlon, Lisa Ham, Janice Painter, Karen Rackley, Hannah Schmidl, Bonnie Sprouls, Morgan Taylor, Sonja Vloeberghs
Others:	Josephine Dodge (Teen Rep), Andrea Bradley (Friends), Madeleine Freundlich (Teen Rep), Elizabeth Leonard (Teen Rep)

At 7:03 p.m. Ms. Wakefield called the meeting to order and asked if proper notice of the meeting was given as required by the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S. 10:4-6 et seq). Ms. Rackley confirmed that proper notice was given. On January 7, 2020 proper notice was posted in the library, published on the library's website, and at 11:47 a.m. sent to the municipal clerks, the Princeton Packet, Town Topics, and Trenton Times and distributed to the standard distribution list.

Welcoming of Edwina Hawes to BOT: Ms. Wakefield welcomed the new Board of Trustee member, Edwina Hawes. All those around the table introduced themselves. Ms. Hawes gave a brief introduction about herself.

Election of 2020 BOT Officers: Mr. Ginsberg, as representative of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee: Ms. Miller, President; Ms. Jang, Vice President; and Mr. Bar-Cohen, Treasurer. Ms. Wakefield seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no additional nominees; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wakefield, as outgoing BOT President, thanked the staff for their professionalism, loyalty and intelligence, the Trustees – for all they've done, and the Teen Reps for speaking up.

Mr. Ginsberg thanked Ms. Wakefield for bringing the Board through several potential crises which did not turn into crises because of her leadership; the Board agreed.

Ms. Miller thanked the Board for electing her as BOT President; she hopes she will be as worthy as Ms. Wakefield has been for the past 2 years, and has as many triumphs as Ms. Wakefield has had.

Consent Agenda

- Nov. 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- December Bills
- Resolution 2019-31: Q4 Restricted Gifts
- Resolution 2020-01: Cash Management Plan
- Resolution 2020-02: Bank Account Signatures
- Resolution 2020-03: Vendor Contracts
- Resolution 2020-04: Library Attorneys
- Resolution 2020-05: Open Public Meetings Act
- Resolution 2020-06: Official Newspapers
- Resolution 2020-07: Temporary Budget
- Foundation Board Appointments

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mr. Ginsberg moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Wakefield seconded the motion. was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Friends of the Library Report: Ms. Bradley introduced herself as the new President of the Friends Council. She noted the Friends elected eight new members to the Council and have 21 of 22 seats filled. Ms. Bradley noted that Nicky Katz, assistant treasurer has been elected as treasurer following the resignation of Michael Hall from that position; Mr. Hall will continue to serve on the Council. The Friends are looking for a new assistant treasurer.

Ms. Bradley noted the:

- Friends gift to the library in 2019 was more than \$300,000.
- Evenings with Friends are underway with vacancies to a few events.
- Book Lovers Luncheon will be held at Jasna Polana on May 7 featuring Dani Shapiro.
- Beyond Words benefit on Oct. 10 will be President Eisgruber in conversation with Garry Trudeau.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Teen Reps: The teen reps noted that

- the Indoor Snowball Fight was a success with nearly 250 participating, playing and having hot chocolate; the event coincided with carolers singing on the Plaza.
- They will be partnering with HiTOPS and potentially Corner House to involve more groups in the community with their magazines, Spark (K-8) and Flash (teens).
- On Jan. 31 they are hosting Chill Out – an event for teens to distress after mid-terms.
- At the beginning of March/end of April they will host AP Exam reviews led by Homework Help work-study students from Princeton University. The exams chosen by the Teen Advisory Board are: AP US History, AP Biology and AP Physics.

President's Report: There was no report.

Fundraising Report: Ms. Ham noted the total for the Annual Appeal was over \$246,000. She noted that it seems the trend is less donors that are giving more. Ms. Miller encouraged all Board members to contribute to the Annual Appeal.

Old Business: Change to BOT Annual Schedule: Ms. Miller noted that the April BOT meeting date is the same day as the Madeleine Albright event; she suggested moving the meeting to April 22. Mr. Ginsberg moved approval of rescheduling the April meeting to April 22; Ms. Wakefield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: The Board discussed plans to welcome and introduce Ms. Podolsky, the new Executive Director.

Meeting Schedule/Adjournment: Mr. Ginsberg motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Wakefield the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2020.