

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, July 28, 2022

The regular meeting of the Cranford Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President, Pat Pavlak, at 7:03 PM via Zoom

Present:

Trustees: Pat Pavlak, Arline McCloskey, Mai Reitmeyer, Susan Burke, Beth Rees, Kate Rappa,

Staff: Michael Maziekien, Judy Klimowicz

Absent: Matthew Jackson Wayne Hayes, Commissioner Mary O'Connor (all excused)

Members of the Public: None

Open Public Meeting Announcement:

President Pat Pavlak opened the meeting with:

“Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the meeting has been given at least 48 hours in advance to the Suburban News, the Union County Local Source, the Westfield Leader, posted on the Cranford Public Library Website, posted on the front door of the Cranford Public Library and filed with the Township of Cranford Clerk. The public may participate in this meeting only during the public portion, which takes place near the beginning of the meeting. To be recognized to speak, members of the public who are attending on Zoom via the web should use the raise hand function. Upon recognition by the chair, you will unmute your microphone/video. Members of the public who are attending the meeting via phone call must hit *9 on their phone keypad to raise their hand to be recognized. Upon recognition by the Chair, they can unmute/mute their audio on their phone keypad. Individuals addressing the board must give their name and address in an audible tone and will have five (5) minutes to make their statement.”

Zoom Link:

us02web.zoom.us/j/88375846385?pwd=NnN5bUw4K3JaZmJmWlhGSHRqRExGUT09

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Pat thanked Judy for taking the minutes for the previous meeting. Kate made a motion to accept the June minutes- with one change that tonight's meeting date is July 28 not July 22- and seconded by Mai. Members of the Board that were present at the June meeting all voted to accept the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS:

The library has received a “request for reconsideration” regarding Dr Seuss’s book, *And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street*. The patron objects to the stereotyping found within the book’s illustrations and text. After discussion, the Board decided to remove editions published previous to 1978 as that was when the author made changes to his original work. A reduced number of copies will be retained in the collection. Pat made a motion reflecting the Board’s decision and a roll call vote was held, with all members present voting “yes” to the Board’s recommendation

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A meeting was held with Township officials to request a breakdown of what is included in the annual billing due to Cranford Township. It is hoped to have a response by our August meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The summer programs, craft activities, and story time have had great attendance. August 10 is the scheduled transfer date to joining LMxAC. The staff is receiving training and is preparing for any issues that may arise. The public is being informed of the transfer, and any services that may be temporarily affected. The recently signed Governor’s budget allows for funds to defray costs to be granted to libraries joining a consortium.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR REPORT:

Covered in Director’s report

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Kate reviewed the bills and all is well. Beth made a motion to pay the bills, Mai seconded. A roll call vote was held and all present voted “yes” to pay the bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance:

No report

Building & Grounds:

Waiting for quotes to repair front steps and railing and repair retaining wall. A film company will be using the parking lot Friday night, and will make a donation to the Friends of the Cranford Library group.

Personnel:

A person has been hired as Principal Librarian Head of Access Services. The Head of Cataloging will retire. Michael proposes to advertise the opening internally as a position of Principal Librarian Assistant. Michael commended the staff for their efforts spent learning the new circulation system.

Grants & Gifts:

No report

Liaison to the Friends of the Library:

No meeting was held, but the recent Book Sale generated over \$6,000 and @400 people participated in the event.

Policy:

No report

Public Relations:

Notices of events are being sent to usual sources. Social media views have increased.

By Laws:

No report

Strategic Plan:

The staff proposes to purchase a Book Bike, as a tool for additional outreach to the community. The cost is @5,000, which may be funded by an outside grant source

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Susan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Kate and all Board members present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is August 25, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary