

The Free Public Library of the Township of Mahwah
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Annual Meeting
March 15, 2022

Call to Order: Ms. Clarkin, President, called the annual meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

- In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, this meeting was announced in the Bergen Record, on the Library's website and on signs posted at the Library entrances.
- This meeting is taking place on-line in accordance with New Jersey state statute 10:4-8B which authorizes local units to conduct public meetings through the use of streaming services and other on-line meeting platforms.
- Information on accessing this public meeting has been posted on the library's website, members of the public are welcome to participate only during the public portions at the beginning and end of the meeting by voice, telephone or webcam using the "chat" feature in the conferencing software.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Present:

Ms. Cassotis
Ms. Clarkin
Ms. Javier
Mr. Koster
Mr. Lee
Ms. Park
Mr. Wendrychowicz
Mr. Gallina
Mr. Haderler
Mr. Liden
Ms. Mercadante

Absent:

Dr. DeTuro
Mr. Ferguson
Mayor Wysocki

Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Present:

Public Portion:

A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Ms. Cassotis to open to public session at 7:03 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Javier and seconded by Ms. Cassotis, seeing no members of the public present, to close public session at 7:03 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Ms. Clarkin and seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2021 annual meeting with one correction under the Public Portion, on page 5 of the packet: "A motion was made by Mr. Lee and seconded by Ms. Javier to open to public session at 7:20 PM." Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Ms. Javier and seconded by Mr. Lee to accept the Treasurer's report that includes the following reports:

- Operating Budget vs. Actual as of December 31, 2021
- Profit & Loss by Class including Operating and Capital Funds as of December 31, 2021
- Balance Sheet by Class including Operating and Capital Funds as of December 31, 2021

Roll Call:

Ms. Cassotis - yes
Ms. Clarkin - yes
Dr. DeTuro - absent
Mr. Ferguson - absent
Ms. Javier - yes
Mr. Koster – absent
Mr. Lee - yes
Ms. Park - yes
Mr. Wendrychowicz – yes

Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee:

On behalf of the nominating committee, Ms. Clarkin presented the following slate of officers for a two-year term.

- Ms. Sharon Javier as President
- Ms. Zoe Cassotis as Vice President
- Mr. Richard Lee as Treasurer
- Ms. Jennifer Park as Secretary

Reorganization and Election of Officers for 2022 - 2023

A motion was made by Mr. Wendrychowicz and seconded by Ms. Cassotis to accept the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee.

Roll Call:

Ms. Cassotis - yes
Ms. Clarkin - yes
Mr. Ferguson - absent
Dr. DeTuro - absent
Ms. Javier - yes
Mr. Koster – yes
Mr. Lee – yes
Ms. Park - yes
Mr. Wendrychowicz – yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Statistical Reports:

The 2021 Statistical Summary and State Statistical Report were reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. Haderler noted the following:

- Mahwah is ranked #5 for circulation out of all the BCCLS libraries.
- Looking forward we are hopeful that 2022 will be a better year to recapture in person programming.
- Physical circulation is a challenge, in the past two years' people are turning to streaming media more and more which has had an impact on our AV circulation.
- On-line circulation was slightly lower than last year.

Old Business:

New Business: Ms. Clarkin acknowledged that this is Curtis Koster's last annual meeting, having served as a trustee since 1998.

- Angela acknowledged that Curtis effectively worked with many boards, councils and mayors through the years. She also noted that he would make it a habit to get to know each new trustee over a cup of coffee. He was able to manage to work together with each trustee in a professional and courteous way.
- Ms. Cassotis thanked Mr. Koster for making her feel welcome and appreciated.
- Ms. Javier stated that she appreciated that Mr. Koster took the time to be patient and gave her constructive criticism when needed.
- Mr. Lee stated that Mr. Koster will be missed and that he always has a perspective that we overlooked.
- Ms. Clarkin acknowledge that Mr. Koster was involved with hiring Kurt Haderler.
- Mr. Haderler thanked Mr. Koster for taking the time to welcome him to Mahwah when he was hired and for the relationship that has lasted for more than a decade.

Public Portion:

A motion was made by Ms. Javier and seconded by Ms. Cassotis to open to public session at 7:27 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Javier and seconded by Ms. Cassotis to close the public session at 7:27 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Annual Meeting: The next annual meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Clarkin thanked everyone for the past two years and expressed her appreciated for each trustee and the work that was accomplished.

Adjournment: A motion was made at 7:28 PM by Ms. Javier and seconded by Ms. Cassotis to adjourn the March 15, 2022 annual meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoe Cassotis
Secretary