

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
of the Bernards Township Library
April 28, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Tim Opremcak called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Bernards Township Library Lower Level Conference Room

2. SUNSHINE LAW REMINDER

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law of 1975, notice of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Reception Hall of the Municipal Building, Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge and the Bernards Township Library Public Notices bulletin board; was mailed to *The Bernardsville News*, Bernardsville; was filed with the Township Clerk; and was posted on both the Township's website and the Library's website.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Lois Bloom, Rima Khalil, Mary Jane McNally, Tim Opremcak, Tracy Redling, Scott Spitzer, and Leslie Workman

Absent: Paul Bryan and Erica Studness

Also Present: Anne Meany

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 10-09 was made by Tracy Redling and seconded by Leslie Workman to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2010 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Included in Committee Reports.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms Meany reported on the NJLA Conference in Long Branch where much of the discussion focused on proposed threats to library service; the Governor's budget proposes cutting 74% of library program funding including delivery, Interlibrary Loan, and databases. State Librarian Norma Blake is dissolving three of the four regional library cooperatives and folding them in to INFOLink. In addition, State Assemblyman John DiMaio introduced A2555 which would eliminate the 1/3 mil funding requirement and leave a public library's annual appropriation to the discretion of the municipal governing body.
- The Township Committee passed a resolution requiring employees to start contributing to their health care
- Friends of the Library meeting is scheduled for 11:15 am Saturday, May 1
- Installation of the new Xtel phone system is almost finished.
- Three masons have been approached for quotes for the front column job. Formal bids are not required because the job falls below the bid threshold.
- The architect still needs to determine where to place vision windows in the remodeled PC area.
- Once again, roof leaks have been repaired.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Treasurer/Finance—Lois Bloom
Ms Bloom reported that the 2010 budget has been released and will probably be finalized by June. Lois raised the issue of how bequests are acknowledged.
- B. Friends of the Library Liaison—
The Friends will have a presence at Charter Day, Saturday, May 15.
- C. Land and Building—Rima Khalil
Included in the Director's report.
- D. Legislation—Mary Jane McNally
Ms McNally elaborated on the threats to library service included in the Director's report. She directed the Board to <http://savemylibrary.org/> for the most comprehensive information and calls to action. The loss of Interlibrary Loan would be the most painful to our patrons immediately; however, A2555, which would eliminate the 1/3 mil funding requirement, has the potential of inflicting greater long-term damage to the library.
- E. Long Range Planning—Paul Bryan
Tim Opremcak called the Board's attention to Paul Bryan's memo outlining preliminary requirements for the website redesign project. He, Mr. Bryan and Ryan McCloskey will meet to go over these points.
- F. Personnel—Tim Opremcak
No report.
- G. Policy—Leslie Workman
No report
- H. Programming—
Included in the Director's report
- I. Township Committee Liaison—Scott Spitzer
No report.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

11. ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION 10-10** was made by Tracy Redling and seconded by Lois Bloom to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.
- The next meeting of the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees will be 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2010 in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Library