

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
of the Bernards Township Library
May 13, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Joan Graff called the meeting to order at 7:39 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: Paul Bryan, Joan Graff, Rima Khalil, Mary Jane McNally, Tim Opremcak, Tracy Redling, Marie Schelfaut

Absent: Lois Bloom and Carolyn Kelly

Also Present: Anne Meany

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 09-12 was made by Paul Bryan and seconded by Rima Khalil to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No report.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms Meany reported that a Books by Mail service has been implemented by two libraries in New Jersey to serve people who cannot get to the library during normal hours. Anne will investigate how this service may be introduced in Bernards Township.
- Verizon is making interns available to the Library during July. They will help with two programs: a YA program to introduce seniors to the Wii and "Get to Know Your Gadgets" to explain various functions of common technology.
- The 2009 budget will probably be finalized this month.
- Last night Anne received a check for \$3,400, the Library's share of the proceeds from last year's AAUW Book Sale.
- The Library is installing a light in the parking lot to alleviate a dark spot outside the children's room. Anne is also trying to locate someone to replace the solid wall in the periodical room with a glass wall.
- Township Hall will conduct a supervisory workshop for staff in the fall.
- Circulation is up significantly.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Treasurer/Finance—Lois Bloom
No report

- B. Friends of the Library Liaison—Tracy Redling
Tracy reported the on the Friends' meeting where they approved to underwrite many Library programs. They also planned for Charter Day where they will promote Library registration.
- C. Land and Building—Rima Khalil
The dumpster has been removed, freeing a much needed parking space.
- D. Legislation—Mary Jane McNally
Senator Brian Stack (D-Hudson) has introduced S2775, reducing the minimum funding of public libraries from 1/3 mil to 1/6 mil. Ms McNally encouraged board members to reach out to their legislators expressing their opposition to this legislation.
- E. Long Range Planning—Paul Bryan
 - Paul spoke about a “Libraries of the Future” conference in England that addressed the effect of Google and digitization on the future of libraries. <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/campaigns/librariesofthefuture/debate.aspx> He also remarked on the challenges of serving different age groups.
 - Marie Schelfaut, who attended the NJLA Trustees Institute, shared information on a planning session led by Nancy Davis of The Ivy Group and Stephanie Vance, the Advocacy Guru. <http://www.advocacyguru.com/>
 - Paul plans to characterize services of the library or how people use the library. He suggested four areas of focus: technology, trends in services, capital reserves, and library as community center.
- F. Personnel—Joan Graff
No report.
- G. Policy—Joan Graff
No report
- H. Programming—Joan Graff.
No report
- I. Township Committee Liaison—Carolyn Kelly
No report

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Anne announced that the board packets would be emailed in the future.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION 09-13** was made by Mary Jane McNally and seconded by Rima Khalil to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.
- The next meeting of the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees will be 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2009 in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Library.