

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
of the Bernards Township Library
June 10, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting President Tim Opremcak 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, Carolyn Kelly, Rima Khalil, Mary Jane McNally, Tim Opremcak, and Marie Schelfaut

Absent: Lois Bloom, Joan Graff and Tracy Redling

Also Present: Anne Meany

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 09-14 was made by Paul Bryan and seconded by Rima Khalil to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No report.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms Meany elaborated on specific elements featured in the Circulation Department's report.
- Ms Meany read a very complimentary letter that Ellen Stork received from a family who moved out of town and missed the superior service of the Children's Library.
- An architect will need to review the plans for transforming the former periodical room into a computer use area.
- Hearing and air conditioning issues continue. It is hoped that another company will take over the maintenance responsibilities.
- Anne invited Board members to take advantage of ordering books through the Library's B&T staff account.
- 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. Over the summer Anne will continue to investigate how this service may be introduced in Bernards Township.
- Verizon is making interns available to the Library during July. They will help with three programs: a YA program to introduce seniors to the Wii, "Computer Know How" sessions, and "Get to Know Your Gadgets" to explain various functions of common technology such as the digital camera and iPod.
- The Board discussed adequate publicity of Leisure Learning on the Library website
- The 2009 budget will probably be finalized this month.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Treasurer/Finance—Lois Bloom
No report
- B. Friends of the Library Liaison—Tracy Redling
No report.
- C. Land and Building—Rima Khalil
The light in the parking lot has been approved.
- D. Legislation—Mary Jane McNally
Senator Brian Stack (D-Hudson) has withdrawn S2775, legislation that would have reduced the minimum funding of public libraries from 1/3 mil to 1/6 mil.
- E. Long Range Planning—Paul Bryan
Paul distributed slides to elicit Board member thoughts and comments on the library's major roles, major forces at work, customers, strengths, and potential weaknesses. Major areas to explore include: technology, service trends, community building, and marketing. Paul will email the slides to Board members so they can send their reflections to him over the summer
- F. Personnel—Joan Graff
No report.
- G. Policy—Joan Graff
No report
- H. Programming—Joan Graff.
No report
- I. Township Committee Liaison—Carolyn Kelly
 - The township has passed an ordinance regulating parking on Lindbergh Lane.
 - The Library will participate in the Township's 250th Anniversary celebration by organizing a One Book Bernards Township event and by hosting "June in June," a program on local history by June Kennedy.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

11. ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION 09-15** was made by Mary Jane McNally and seconded by Rima Khalil to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.
- The next meeting of the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees will be 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2009 in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Library.