

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
of the Bernards Township Library
September 24, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Joan Graff 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, Joan Graff, Wilma Harner, Rima Khalil, John Malay, Mary Jane McNally, Tim Opremcak, Tracy Redling, Marie Schelfaut

Absent:

Also Present: Phyllis McGuinness and Anne Meany

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION 08-24 was made by Rima Khalil and seconded by Marie Schelfaut to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2008 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms Meany read request by a parent to use the Library program room for Moms Club meetings. Ms Meany's reply to the mother was to check with the Community Center and the Y.
- Ms Meany invited Board members to read the book reviews created by children this summer and posted in the library.
- Supervising Reference Librarian Ruth Lufkin made a presentation on genealogy resources to a group at the Chatham Methodist Church
- As part of the requirements for her Gold Award, local Girl Scout Shannon McNamara organized a book drive to collect books that would be donated to Africa.

- Karen Olivari, Ellen Stork and Ms Meany interviewed four candidates for the Children’s Librarian position. Anne anticipates having the successful candidate in place by mid-October.
- Phyllis McGuinness presented an overview of Leisure Learning. She discussed the history of the program, current status, registration procedures, local participation, and parking. She presented both long term and short term solutions that had been considered as solutions to the problems presented by the large attendance and the lack of nearby parking. The Board expressed its support of and pride in the Leisure Learning program. It affirmed its support of the direction in which Ms McGuinness has steered the Leisure Learning programming as well as her efforts to encourage participation by Township residents. Better signage and personal appeals by Leisure Learning staff are two methods by which the Library hopes to smooth the parking issue. Other long-term solutions are being considered.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Treasurer/Finance—Lois Bloom
All is on target
- B. Friends of the Library Liaison—Wilma Harner
The Friends have \$20,000 in a CD. Recently, they have funded Magic and Monsters for Halloween, a program for reluctant readers; and purchased assisted listening devices.
- C. Land and Building—Rima Khalil
Ms Khalil reported that work on the roof is progressing well and will be completed by next week.
- D. Legislation—Mary Jane McNally
Although Gov. Corzine recommended a 10% cut in the State Per Capita Aid Program, 2% of the cut was restored in the final budget.
- E. Personnel—Joan Graff
Included in the Director’s Report.
- F. Policy—Joan Graff
No Report.
- G. Programming—Joan Graff
Included in the Director’s Report.
- H. Technology—Mary Jane McNally
No Report.
- I. Township Committee Liaison—John Malay
No Report.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Ms Graff read a letter she received concerning the Library's programs and services for senior citizens and participation by local senior citizens in Leisure Learning. The Board affirmed that Ms McGuinness is doing a fine job of developing programming that would appeal to seniors. Discussion of Leisure Learning was included in the Director's Report.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- **MOTION 08-25** was made by Wilma Harner and seconded by Lois Bloom to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.
- Because of the Trustee education program, the next meeting of the Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees will be 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 29, 2008 in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Library.