

Denville Public Library
Diamond Spring Road
Denville, NJ 07834

The Board of Trustees of the Denville Public Library met in virtual session on Thursday, May 13, 2021, via a zoom meeting. The President, Mr. Borecki, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Borecki announced that adequate notice of this meeting was posted in the library and was provided to the Denville Municipal Clerk, The Citizen, and the Daily Record no later than last Tuesday in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL: Present: Kevin Borecki
Seth Johnson
Robert Unrath
Susan Dyer
Sandra Danforth
Tom Andes, Mayor
Linda Breder

Also Present: Siobhan Koch, Library Director
Anne Puppo
Staff

Absent: Christopher Golinski, Council Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Breder, and carried to approve the minutes from April 8, 2021 and April 27, 2021 and order them filed. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed with Mr. Borecki and Ms. Danforth abstaining from 4/8/21 minutes and Ms. Danforth and Mayor Andes abstaining from 4/27/21 minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Ms. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2021 and approve payment of bills on the Bill Lists dated April 30, 2021 and May 13, 2021.

Borecki __Y__ ; Johnson __Y__ ; Unrath __Y__ ; Dyer __Y__ ; Danforth __Y__ ; Andes __Y__ ; Breder __Y__

CORRESPONDENCE:

Denville Voices For Racial Justice sent a letter thanking the Library for supporting their mission. They also donated 2 DVD copies of Slavery by Another Name.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- M.A.I.N. is working on their strategic plan.
- Director attended Friends of the Library in person meeting. Their annual fund drive is underway.
- Pop-ups continue. We are hoping St. Francis will begin allowing pop-ups again soon.
- Woman's Club is currently running a donation drive collecting board books for babies.

- Director met with town clerk and deputy clerk regarding the June 8, 2021 election. DPW will move everything out of the meeting room.
- The DPW seeded the lawn. There was discussion about a possible sprinkler system next year.
- Take and makes continue.
- In person programming has started up again at the Library and Gardner Field.
- Virtual Saturday Storytime continues.
- Denville resident Emily Pirello was published in an anthology for teens. We have added the book to our collection.
- Ms. Melanie and Ms. Nicole did videos for Read Across America.
- Knitting and crocheting program is meeting outside now.
- Weeding of adult nonfiction continues. Weeding of fiction, including paperbacks and graphic novels has been completed.
- Unfortunately we did not receive the technology grant that we submitted to purchase new laptops and a charging cart. They had \$165,000 to award and received requests for over \$525,000. This was remaining Cares Act funding that had to be spent. The State Library will be doing more mini grants in the future. ARPA funding is coming out soon.
- The Denville Clean Communities grant purchased an additional 500 “little thunder” library bags.
- Chris was able to work out a donation from Home Depot for our garden plot. The donated merchandise was worth \$168.80. Donation included wheelbarrow, 4 tomato cages, 5 bags of garden soil and 45 bags of premium topsoil.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

- Board President stated that he has received positive comments about the take and make program. He also said that it is a very successful program and the community is getting a lot out of it.

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORTS (Statistical Report & Reference/Digital Resources Statistics Report):

- No comments on Statistical Report.
- Digital Resources Statistical Report:
 - Hoopla numbers continue to increase. Hoopla sent us pens and pop sockets. They have been placed at the circulation desk for the patrons.
 - Still working on trying to get Solus to provide individual statistics.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reviewed renovation plans and construction costs supplied by architect. Renovation plans still need to be finalized.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dyer, and carried to approve Resolution 21-9 - Resolution to Apply for Grant Funding in the amount of \$1,458,537.

Borecki __Y__ ; Johnson __Y__ ; Unrath __Y__ ; Dyer __Y__ ; Danforth __Y__ ; Andes __Y__ ; Breder __Y__

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dyer, and carried to approve for the matching funds that the Library would contribute \$731,537 and would ask the Township for the additional \$727,000.

Borecki __Y__ ; Johnson _Y__ ; Unrath __Y_ ; Dyer __Y__ ; Danforth__Y__ ; Andes _Y__ ; Breder __Y__

PUBLIC:

A motion was made by Ms. Danforth, seconded by Ms. Breder, to open the Public portion of the meeting.

No comments or questions from the public.

A motion was made by Ms. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Unrath, to close the Public portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reopening discussion. We will be moving to Level 1 of our Reopening Pandemic Policy effective 5/19/21.
 - Public will be notified of all updates.
 - Appointments are no longer necessary.
 - Computer use will increase to 1 hour and can be renewed for additional hour if no one else is waiting.
 - Seating is back following 6 foot social distancing guidelines.
 - Children's will not have any seating but will have a bench in the young adult area.
 - Newspaper delivery to begin.
 - No more quarantining.
 - Book drop will reopen.
 - Masks will be required for staff and patrons.
- The Mayor has offered The Council Chambers so monthly BOT meetings can be in person.
- In person Library BOT meetings in The Council Chambers will start next month on 6/10/21.
- Community room usage can begin June 1, 2021.
- Summer Kickoff is scheduled for 5/16/21 (rain date 5/23/21) from 2pm-4pm lower Bloomfield lot behind Hunan Taste. There will be timed ticket entry for all registered attendees. Max capacity 165 kids. A lot of activities planned; mini golf, duck game, DJ, magician, balloon animals, caricatures, hopscotch and others.
- We will be placing another staff shirt order soon and offered Board members the option to purchase if interested.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Ms. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Unrath, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed.

Susan Dyer, Secretary