

Denville Public Library
121 Diamond Spring Road
Denville, NJ 07834

The Board of Trustees of the Denville Public Library met in regular session on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at the Denville Town Hall. The President, Mr. Borecki called the meeting to order at 7:08 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
Michael Dunn
Susan Dyer
Seth Johnson
Robert Unrath
Linda Breder
Mayor Andes

Also Present: Siobhan Koch, Library Director
Chris Golinski, Town Council Liaison

Absent: x

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Breder, and carried to approve the minutes from November 10, 2021 and order them filed. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed.

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

Borecki _Y_ ; Dunn _Y_ ; Dyer _Y_ ; Johnson __Y__ ; Unrath __Y__ Breder __Y__ Andes __Y__

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director's Portion:

- Siobhan Koch reviewed her activities for the month of November 2021.
- New custodian has started.
- There is an open circulation position

- Roofing company coming out to physically explore roofing issues and to provide a solution to carry the library through the winter.
- Storytimes and craft sessions are going well.
- Celebrate the Children has been coming in for visits but rising Covid cases will prevent them from visiting in the near future until Covid cases go down.
- Applied to the NJ Health Connect to get iPads. 150 libraries have applied. Based on need to help with job interviews and telehealth appointments. State grant run through E. Brunswick Library. DPL asked for 2 iPads. Siobhan should know by January.

STRATEGIC PLAN REPORT:

No comments were made about the plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:

No comments were made about the goals.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT:

No comments were made about the monthly activity report.

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT:

No comments were made about the monthly statistical report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reopening Updates: Siobhan indicated there weren't any reopening updates.

Building Updates: Siobhan indicated that other than the roof there weren't any other building updates.

Sandra Danforth Plaque - Siobhan indicated that John Egbert has the plaque and will be installing it on the rock soon.

Beautification Committee - Have not heard back from the Beautification Committee

Next Steps Post Negative Grant Notification

- Is there something we want to accomplish with the capital improvement funds?
- Children's area also needs updating
- Meeting room is down to 6 kids for storytime due to social distancing requirements. Storage is also an issue.
- Bathrooms also need to be fixed and possibly made handicap accessible.
- Priorities need to be established and look at a scaled down version of what we were seeking through the grant.
- Roof also needs to be addressed
- Mayor Andes suggested getting pricing for fixing the bathroom in advance of the Council breakfast.
- Siobhan will talk to the engineer who did the first proposal.
- We want to show the public that improvements are being made beyond the bathroom.
- Schedule a walk through to discuss priorities.
- The renovation spearheaded by the Denville Historical Society of the two room schoolhouse (old Board of Ed office) on Openaki Rd stopped. The town owns it and needs to do something with it. Money is required to get it functional. Once renovated, it will serve as community space. The library could use it for programming.

- Chris Golinski recommended prioritizing, providing expenses and having a recommendation or two for the Council. Provide adequate notice about it prior to the Council Breakfast.
- The library will put a notice on the website that we did not get the grant after the official notification.

Denville Voices/Critical Race Theory event - the program changed to a different format and the Library decided not to sponsor the event because the Board was unable to react to the changes before the meeting date.

2022 Attorney - Anne Puppò, Siobhan Koch and Tom Andes met to discuss the selection of an attorney for the Library. The lawyer selection will be approved at the January 2022 meeting of the Board.

Meeting Room Policy - the formal policy of what the Board agreed to in November.

A motion was made by Seth Yen Johnson and seconded by Bob Unrath to approve the meeting room policy.

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

PUBLIC:

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Breder, to open the Public portion of the meeting. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed.

- One staff member attended the meeting
- There were no questions from the public, via email or otherwise expressed.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Breder, to close the Public portion of the meeting. A voice vote indicated all present in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 MAIN Membership Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Breder to accept the 2022 MAIN Membership agreement. All in favor.

Michael Dunn completed documentation needed to become a check signatory.

Council Breakfast - January 22, 2022 Reminder

2022 Slate of Officers

- President - Seth Johnson
- Vice President - Susan Dyer
- Treasurer - Bob Unrath
- Secretary - Michael Dunn
- Linda Breder - Superintendent's Representative
- Mayor Andes
- Kevin Borecki

Non Union Salary Increase tabled until after the Closed Session

2022 Budget

Siobhan discussed the narrative for the 2022 Budget. The Board will vote on the budget at the January meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Ms. Dyer, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to go into Closed Session at 8:40pm to discuss the Union Contract, Director Evaluation and an employee's leave of absence. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Dyer, and carried to go out of Closed Session at 9:46pm. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition.

ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Mr. Borecki , seconded by Ms. Breder to approve the union contract contingent on legal review.

Borecki _Y__ ; Dunn _Y____ ; Dyer _Y__ ; Johnson __Y__ ; Unrath __Y__ Breder __Y__ Andes __Y__

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Breder to approve an employee's leave of absence request as presented to the Board.

Borecki _Y__ ; Dunn _Y____ ; Dyer _Y__ ; Johnson __Y__ ; Unrath __Y__ Breder __Y__ Andes __Y__

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Unrath to approve the non-union employee's salary increase of 3 percent for 2022, in line with the union contract.

Borecki _Y__ ; Dunn _Y____ ; Dyer _Y__ ; Johnson __Y__ ; Unrath __Y__ Breder __Y__ Andes __Y__

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Borecki, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. A voice vote indicated all present in favor with no opposition expressed.

Susan Dyer, Secretary