

**Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
Bernardsville Public Library
April 18, 2006**

Attendance: Stephanie Wallace, President; Donald Buset, Russ Giglio, Peter Miller, Lucy Orfan, Dennis Reznick and Terry Thompson. Messrs. Kellett and Parsons were absent. Also present: Karen Yannetta, Executive Director, Bernardsville Public Library, and Lorette Cheswick, president of the Bernardsville Library Association (“BLA”) and public gardens chair of the Bernardsville Garden Club.

Stephanie Wallace called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and read the Open Meeting Notice.

Public Participation: Lorette Cheswick said the BLA was pleased at the use of the link to BLA on the library’s website, and hoped the trustees would be able to attend the BLA and Library Volunteer Luncheon (May 18, 11-2, at Roni Larini’s, 61 Boulderwood Drive, rsvp to library). There is no news on the proposed name change.

Minutes: Stephanie Wallace moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2006 as amended; Terry Thompson seconded the motion, which carried.

Director’s Report: Karen Yannetta presented highlights from and additions to her report, as follows:

- Library use has been very slow during the past two weeks (school vacation one of those weeks).
- Natalie Sirko has had to resign, as the family is moving to deal with family health issues.
- Colleen Byrne will be leaving this summer, which will make it possible to make an offer of the part-time reference librarian position.
- At the May staff meeting (May 18, 9 am) we will recognize Rosalie Baker’s 20th anniversary as a library staff member.
- Megan Hartley will become our third youth services staff member, and will have expanded hours at the beginning of the fourth quarter of 2006.
- The library has nominated the Somerset Hills AAUW for an award to be presented at the upcoming NJLA meeting.
- The parking lot continues to be overfilled, and the borough has not put the parking restrictions adopted by ordinance into effect. Stephanie Wallace pointed out that a recent borough newsletter (*Bernardsville Buzz*) had said parking restrictions were in effect in the library lot. Karen agreed to contact Sandy Jones at the borough for clarification.
- After an unexpected power surge, we need to replace power surge protectors, which did their job in protecting the computers but themselves got “fried”.
- The Patriot Media phone proposal met with cogent objections from the staff, which were described. Lucy Orfan moved that we take no further action on the proposal; Terry Thompson seconded the motion, which carried.

Treasurer’s Report: In Jim Kellett’s absence, Karen Yannetta presented the treasurer’s report and the bill lists. She noted that the report includes the figures revised after last month’s meeting, and that both electricity and telephone billings have increased from last year. Terry Thompson moved that the treasurer’s reports be accepted and to authorize the payment of new bills received between April 1 and

April 18, and to ratify the payment of bills paid from March 22-31. Donald Buset seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: Finance and Long Range Planning did not meet.

Personnel: is looking at options for health insurance separate from the borough, preliminary research shows that both savings over the borough's costs and a better choice of plans may be possible.

Policy: Terry Thompson and Lucy Orfan reported on the committee's preliminary thinking about a gift recognition policy. After a meeting among Terry Thompson, Karen Yannetta, and Michael Landau, the Borough Council's insurance liaison with JIF, the borough adopted a resolution permitting the library director to waive the insurance requirement for use of the Community Room or the Small Meeting Room by a small non-profit local organization. Terry Thompson moved that the Community Room and Small Meeting Room policies and reservation forms be modified to reflect this borough resolution; Lucy Orfan seconded the motion, which carried.

Communications: Mrs. Wallace read a letter from Ralph Maresca, inviting the Trustees to send representatives to meet with Messrs. Maresca, Landau and Pidgeon. The Trustees decided instead to invite the entire Borough Council to attend the next Trustees' Meeting, so that all Trustees and Council Members can hear what Mr. Landau has to say. Terry Thompson reminded of the NJLA meeting on April 25.

Old Business: The Clancey real estate sign has been removed!

New Business: None.

Adjournment: At 6:25 pm, Dennis Reznick moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Russ Giglio and carried.

Terry Thompson, Secretary