

**Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting  
Bernardsville Public Library  
June 20, 2006**

Attendance: Stephanie Wallace, President; Donald Buset, Russ Giglio, Jim Kellett, Lucy Orfan, Dennis Reznick and Terry Thompson. Peter Miller and Jay 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 5:30 p.m. and read the Open Meeting Notice.

**Public Participation:** Lorette Cheswick said that the BLA would be publishing its annual report in the September-October library bulletin. She commented that the BLA was “moving on the construction project”. Terry Thompson said that the request was on the agenda for the Council’s June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mrs. Cheswick asked if there had been board action on the “bistro” suggestions that had been made from time to time, and was told that the board had never seriously considered the issue. She asked about “Safe Space for Kids”; Mrs. Yannetta replied that, although not yet complete, the portions that have been put into effect seem to be wildly successful both with the preteens and their parents and with the teens.

**Minutes:** Russ Giglio moved approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2006 as amended; Jim Kellett seconded the motion, which carried.

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

- Pat Kennedy-Grant will celebrate her tenth anniversary of consecutive service at a staff meeting on July 20 at 9 am. Pat has been in the library, off and on, much more than ten years, and her excellence reflects her additional experience.
- After discussion, the board fully concurred with Mrs. Yannetta’s suggestion of Jeffrey Kinkley to receive the Volunteer Award from the library; he organizes and runs our Asian studies and literature groups, provides for the Chinese New Year celebrations, and is a continuing resources to the library in areas that are not limited to the Orient, as well as a respected board member of the BLA.
- Mrs. Yannetta presented the concept of “READ” posters featuring local celebrities. The board suggested a few additional possibilities, and agreed that Mrs. Yannetta could go to the BLA with the board’s blessing.
- Approved library board minutes are now available on the library website.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jim Kellett presented the Treasurer’s Report, the Statement of Accounts, and the bills lists, noting that electricity and telephone bills appear to be more in line. Since the borough budget was adopted in May, the tentative working budget based on the borough-approved minimum should be substituted for our prior budget. Donald Buset moved to substitute the tentative budget for our previously-approved budget; Stephanie Wallace seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Kellett said that we should have the lighting estimate to the borough within a month. Terry Thompson moved that the Treasurer’s Reports be accepted and to authorize the payment of new bills received between June 1

and June 20, and to ratify the payment of bills paid from May 17 –31. Dennis Reznick seconded the motion, which carried by an unanimous roll call vote.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance did not meet.

Long Range Planning did not meet, but its chair and the library director have refined the planning for the staff input session, including excellent and inexpensive facilitators. Neither Karen nor Donald will be present, which will reduce inhibitions and guarantee anonymity.

Personnel: will meet on June 26 to reach a recommendation on health insurance options.

Policy: continuing to look at options for the “Wall of Honor” presented in May.

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:** The letters to the Borough Council described in last month’s minutes have been sent. No replies have been received.

**New Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Terry Thompson, Secretary