

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Bernardsville Public Library
August 29, 2016**

Attendance: In Attendance- Patrice Cummings (by phone). Terry Thompson, Lucy Orfan, Mark Krook and Richard Diegnan were there. Skip Orza arrived at 5:40. Shura Arnold, Library Director was present. Nancy Verdun from the Friends was also present.

President Terry Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and read the Open Public Meeting Notice, followed by roll call.

Minutes: The July 19, 2016 meeting minutes were approved with no amendments.

Director's Report: Ms. Arnold presented a brief overview of her report. Mr. Diegnan suggested the current roofing contractor needs to locate the cause of the continual leaking, or a new contractor who can diagnose the problem needs to be found. He also suggested we find out why the air conditioning units did not restart by themselves after the power failure, and that PCC be called to restart them when necessary.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Krook presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. He noted that the bills on the New Bills list were current through August 28, in accordance with our presenting new bills up to the date of the Board meeting. There were no unusual bills or income amounts. There were no outstanding items. Our expenses are below budget. Mr. Krook moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, to pay the new bills received from August 1, 2016 – August 29, 2016 and to ratify the payment of bills received and paid from July 20, 2016 – July 31, 2016. Mr. Diegnan seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Did not meet. They will meet in September.

Policy Committee: Did not meet.

Personnel Committee: Did not meet.

Planning: Ms. Thompson and Mr. Orza met with Shura Arnold to discuss her investigation as to the efficacy of joining a consortium. The result of Ms. Arnold's investigation was that joining would not be cost effective at this time, and that the Morris County Consortium (MAIN) is still too new in its reconfigured structure to have a fiscal or service track record upon which we can base a decision. We will review the situation within three years.

Communications: None.

Public Presentations:

Old Business: The “Meet and Greet” with the Borough employees and council members will take place at the library on September 8th starting at 4:00 PM.

We were told that the heating system conversation will not create any major inconveniences. The Library Foundation’s endowment campaign is underway.

New Business: The Friends fundraiser is scheduled for October 28th. The theme is “Ghost Hunting New Jersey”.

Executive Session: None

The meeting was adjourned by Ms.Thompson at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A.Q. Orza II