

**Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
Bernardsville Public Library
March 18, 2009**

Attendance: Russ Giglio, John McCrossan, Lucy Orfan and Maribeth Southworth were absent. Tom Shea, president of Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library (“Friends”), and Karen Brodsky, Executive Director, Bernardsville Public Library, were also present.

Stephanie Wallace called the Board of Trustees (“Board”) meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and read the Open Meeting Notice.

Public Participation: Mr. Shea said that the Friends are named as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy on Ethel Schacht, a long-time library supporter who passed away recently.

Minutes: Jim Kellett moved approval of the minutes as circulated; Terry Thompson seconded the motion, which carried.

Director’s Report: Karen Brodsky highlighted the possible purchase of Gale’s *American Decades Primary Sources* in E-Book form. We discussed the proposal by Michael Weinberg that the library participate in *Shop to Earn*. Pete Miller mentioned that the HSAs and SHEF were no longer participating in ChooseACharity.net, as they had never received the promised percentages of patron’s shopping. We also recalled the long struggle the board had over to the proposal to link the library’s web site to Amazon, and decided not to pursue Mr. Weinberg’s proposal in part because of our links with local merchants. We also decided not to pursue Ed Koenig’s suggestion that we filter the water piped to the drinking fountain. Ms. Brodsky mentioned the Morris-Union Library Federation dinner on May 6.

Treasurer’s Report: Jim Kellett reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, pointing out that it reflects the revised budget based on our expectation of the basic municipal appropriation this year. He noted that the electric bills are down slightly. Ms. Brodsky said that Baker & Taylor had not yet begun charging for their shipping. Terry Thompson moved to pay the new bills received from March 1-18, 2009, and to ratify the payment of bills received and paid from February 18-28, 2009. Mr. Burset seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports:

Finance, Personnel: No reports.

Policy: Ms. Thompson discussed the proposed “Birthday Book” purchase policy, which was approved by consensus.

Long Range Planning: Expecting revised proposals from the Department Heads.

Communications: Mrs. Wallace mentioned the letter thanking the Mayor and Borough Council for its adoption of the resolution opposing the Prieto bill.

Old Business: Mr. Miller mentioned a federal grant the school district had received for an energy audit, saying that approval came very quickly. He will provide further information. Mr. Burset reported on an “unattended children” incident in Montclair that was handled very promptly by the Montclair police.

New Business: Mrs. Wallace mentioned the Trustee Institute in May.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 and we proceeded to the reception for the Friends. A good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thompson, Secretary