

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Bernardsville Public Library
February 19, 2013**

Attendance: All members were present except Peter Miller. Karen Brodsky, Executive Director, Bernardsville Public Library; Roni Larini, President of the Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library (“Friends”); Jerry Fischer, Chair of the Bernardsville Library Foundation (“Foundation”), and Kathleen Palmer, a trustee of the Foundation, were also present.

President Donald Burset called the Board of Trustees (“Board”) meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and read the Open Meeting Notice, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 2012 meeting were approved at the December 2012 meeting; the minutes of the December 18, 2012 meeting and January 7, 2013 special meeting had been postponed to the February 2013 meeting. John La Duc moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2012, meeting as amended; Patrice Cummings seconded the motion, which carried. Terry Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2013, special meeting; Mike Gouldin seconded the motion, which carried with one abstention. Ms. Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2013, meeting with the amendments submitted by Mr. La Duc. Maribeth Southworth seconded the motion, which carried.

Director’s Report: Ms. Brodsky mentioned some highlights:

- There was a lot of staff work in January because of the annual report to the State Library and the status report on the strategic plan. There is no method to measure “virtual use” of libraries, but she is working on metrics.
- Marion Kennedy has rejoined the Local History team as a volunteer.
- The bird invasion may be due to an uncovered roof vent but was solved by St. Hubert’s.
- Three council members have volunteered for the “Read” posters and others are being contacted.
- Ms. Southworth moved a resolution that seven Dell Latitude D800 laptops purchased in 2004 are no longer needed for public service. Mrs. Cummings seconded the motion, which carried.
- Ms. Brodsky will not be at the March board meeting; Lia Carruthers will represent her.
- Special thanks to Pat Kennedy-Grant and John La Duc, who shoveled the walks when the borough’s snow removal contractor failed to show. That contract has been cancelled.

Treasurer’s Report and Bills: Mr. La Duc commented that we were marking time until the borough budget is introduced. There was nothing unusual about the month’s performance, the financial statements or the bills. Mr. La Duc moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, to pay the new bills received from February 1-19, 2013, and to ratify the payment of bills received and paid from January 16-31, 2013. Ms. Thompson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports: no committees met during the month.

Mr. Gouldin offered kudos to Ms. Brodsky and the library staff for their accomplishments regarding the strategic plan, and for raising the issue of long range space planning for the lower

floor in plenty of time to address the issue and to develop a financial plan to pay for any repurposing of the space. He also commented that there had been a good meeting with the Friends and Foundation, a positive start for 2013.

Public Participation:

For the Friends, Mrs. Larini said that the “Sundays at 3” concert on January 27 had been a great success and that there were plans to launch a Sunday N.J. authors series.

For the Foundation, Jerry Fischer announced a recent \$5,000 gift to the Foundation and that an anonymous donor had proposed a challenge grant of up to \$25,000 to match donations to the Foundation of \$1,000 or more. He also noted that the Foundation was considering launching a “Century Club” to seek 100 individuals each of whom would donate \$1,000 (the name is still under consideration). He asked for names of potential donors from the Board and from the Friends, and said that he believed all the members of each body should contribute to the Foundation. He noted that the Foundation had stepped back from plans to hold a fall event so as not to conflict with the Friends fund-raising. Kathleen Palmer said that Homes of Distinction would be held on May 19, and that she was aware of three conflicting events on that date.

Communications: Ms. Brodsky mentioned a reception for the new director of the Summit Library to be held on March 7.

Unfinished Business: none.

New Business: John McCrossan mentioned that the Japanese Embassy is working with the borough to donate cherry trees to be planted on public property, and suggested that the library might look for some appropriate places. Ms. Thompson said that she thought the library should coordinate any such plans with the public plantings committee of the Bernardsville Garden Club, which maintains our landscaping.

At 6:25 p.m., Mrs. Cummings moved to go into executive committee, seconded by Mr. La Duc and carried. At 6:30 p.m., the meeting returned to public session; Lucy Orfan moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gouldin and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. Thompson, Secretary