

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Bernardsville Public Library
June 18, 2019**

Attendance: John Bertoni, Mary Jane Canose, Patrice Cummings, Mark Krook, Lucy Orfan, Terry Thompson and Valerie Zanardi (arrived 5:39 pm) were present. Richard Diegnan and Gretchen Dempsey were absent. Alexandria Arnold, Executive Director, Bernardsville Public Library, and Leslie Brown-Witt, President of the Bernardsville Library Foundation, were also present.

President Terry Thompson called the Board of Trustees (“Board”) meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and read the Open Meeting Notice, followed by the roll call.

Minutes: The May minutes were approved as submitted.

Director’s Report: Shura Arnold discussed the status of the search for a Readers’ Service manager. The library construction bond regulations have still not been published, but there have been responses to bid requests on the library doors, very close in total amount.

Treasurer’s Report and Bills: Mark Krook presented the Treasurer’s Report and bills, noting that we were 42% on the total budget but that there was nothing exceptional this month. Mr. Krook moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, to pay the new bills received from June 1-18, 2019, and to ratify the payment of bills received and paid from May 22-31, 2019. Patrice Cummings seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Committee Reports:

- Finance, Planning and Policy did not meet.
- Personnel: There was a brief discussion of the interviewing process and the caliber of most of the applicants.

Public Participation: Leslie Brown-Witt reported for the Foundation on the status of their appeal letter, their financial report and the planning for the September fund-raising event. Ms. Thompson read a brief report from the Friends.

Communications: Ms. Arnold shared several letters commenting positively about the library.

Unfinished Business: Patrice Cummings said that the joint donor list is still being corrected.

New Business: Mrs. Canose described the plans for a Mayor’s Cultural Arts Committee, with some discussion about having a library representative serve for coordination purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. Thompson, President