# BOARD OF TRUSTEES CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2017 – 7:30p.m. Tom Gambino Room, Cranbury Public Library

# 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AT 7:30 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Library Director as follows: December 5, 2016, a notice for this meeting was sent to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune, and Township Clerk and posted in the Public Library.

## 2. INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES -

Kirstie Venanzi, President

Andre Mento, Vice-President

David Fletcher, Secretary/Treasurer

Richard Burke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Trustee - resigned

Laurel Quinn, Chief School Administrator's Representative

Dan Mulligan, Mayor's Representative from the Township Committee - absent

Lorraine Sedor, Trustee - excused

Ira Negin, Trustee

Robin Black, Trustee - excused

Nancy Whitcraft, Trustee - excused

Michele Gittings, 1st Alternate Trustee - excused

## Also Present:

Marilynn Mullen, Director

Wendy Borg, Recording Secretary - excused

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

March 9, 2017 Regular Meeting – tabled until May meeting because of lack of quorum to approve

## 4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

A. Recommended action on Bills Lists for March 31, 2017

Motion: Andre 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ira
All were in favor. Approved.

## 5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Marilynn Mullen

Notes included in folder.

A. Per attached report.

# 6. YOUTH AND OUTREACH SERVICES REPORT: Marilynn Mullen

Notes included in folder.

A. Per attached report.

## 7. SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Marilynn Mullen

Notes included in folder.

- A. Per attached report.
- B. Joanne is now a certified notary.

# 8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kirstie Venanzi

Review "Annual Calendar of Events" – May Up to date on annual action items.

#### 9. **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

# A. Mayor's Representative: Dan Mulligan

No report.

# **B.Chief School Administrator Representative: Laurel Quinn**

- 1. The BOE is working on the annual budget.
- 2. Teachers' contract is in negotiations, and an approval is due in May or June.

The teachers' union lawyer was present at the meetings, which may delay the approval.

3. Kirstie to inform Laurel as soon as the bid on the library project goes out, as the school will need to incorporate this in their budget and planning.

# C. Foundation: Marilynn

- 1. The brick sale continues to raise funds.
- 2. Waiting for the library project to go out to bid before another mailing is sent to whole community.

## 10. TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

## A. Personnel Committee: Lorraine and Kirstie

No report.

## B. Finance Committee: David, Andre, Ira

Draft audit was reviewed by Dave and Marilynn. Waiting for complete audit.

## C. Policy and Planning Committee: Ira, Kirstie, Nancy

Michele presented policy under new business.

## D. Nomination and Election Committee: Andre, Nancy, Robin

No report. Discussion about how to proactively approach members of the community in order to have a balanced board.

# E.Special - Facilities Development Committee/Task Force: Kirstie,

Andre, David, Michele

Discussion about bid process and need to meet with township engineer before going out to bid.

## F.Special - Public Relations Committee: Lorraine, Nancy, Robin

Discussion about the success of the New Residents' reception at the library. Kudos to the PR Committee.

#### 11. OLD BUSINESS

A. Meeting policy was reviewed and approved with minor changes.

Motion: Laurel Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ira Negin.
All were in favor. Approved.

### 12. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Informed the board of Rick Burke's resignation. Township has posted all board vacancies on website.

B. NJLA draft resolutions. Discussion about Marilynn's meeting with state representatives. Will arrange to meet with Dan Mulligan to go over details of proposed NJLA resolutions and how they would benefit our town.

C. Strategic plan draft worked up by Ira, Michele, Marilynn and Kirstie was presented. Board reviewed the draft. Vision was revised slightly, and also background was revised slightly to show the major role the Foundation has played in raising money. Marilynn has been working on the Strategic Priority 1 with a roll out plan. Consensus is that this is the right direction. Will have appendices to add to include: detailed history of how we got to this point, library needs assessment, feasibility report, benefits and implications for the school, previous strategic plan, Township resolutions -1) supporting the library and fund raising for the new building and 2) parking lot. We stressed that this is a work in progress and that Strategic Priority 2 is being worked on now.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE** — A reply from Assemblyman Daniel Benson in response to the letter Marilynn sent on behalf of the Board asking him to support the NJ Library Construction bond Act - He confirmed he is a proud sponsor of the Assembly bill and will continue to push for and support efforts to modernize and fund NJ public libraries.

#### 14. **OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD –** None.

## 15. **ADJOURNMENT AT 8:45 p.m.** –

Motion: Ira 2<sup>nd</sup>: Andre All were in favor. Approved.

All reports and correspondence referred to in these minutes are attached to the original minutes filed in the office of the Executive Director.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy W. Borg