

Minutes of the Kinnelon Public Library Board of Trustees March 27, 2018 Meeting

Recording: Pat Giordano

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President A Vosatka at 7:30 PM. The President deemed the meeting to be in compliance with the New Jersey Sunshine Law.

Roll Call: Attendees: A Vosatka, K Fraone, M Odian, Mayor R Collins, L Farmer, J Horton, P Giordano, and V Russo

Absent: D. DiGiuseppe

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by L Farmer; second by J Horton. Vote to approve: 7 yes, 1 Abstain.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items: none

Statistical Report, Financial Report, Financial Snapshot and Bills for Approval:

Reports to be filed as presented.

Approval of the February Bills: motion by J Horton; second by M Odian

Informational Discussions Including Sub Committee Updates.

CLL and Friends: L Farmer reported that 2 CLL classes had to be cancelled due to snow. Friends of KPL had 1 meeting with nothing to report.

Borough Liaison: no report

Kinnelon Library Legacy Foundation: M Odian reported there is discussion of funding a project for the library in the near future and details will be provided once finalized.

Personnel SubC: nothing to report

Finance SubC: J Horton reported that the budget is tracking slightly behind due to payment of bills from the end of 2017. These bills were expected and customary.

Director and Staff Reports:

K Fraone reported that the High School "Girls Who Code" program attracts 8-12 girls per session. Thus, the library is considering starting the program for Middle School age girls. The library is evaluating the need to request funds to purchase dual purpose laptop computers suitable for use for the younger girls who are less likely to have their own computers and suitable for use by library patrons in general.

There was a question from the Board regarding the Saturday Science Program re: who runs that program. The program is run by a parent under the guidance of the National Organization Mad Science.

The Children's HOLI program and the adult Tribute to Freddy Mercury Programs were very successful in February. L Farmer and V Russo acknowledged Mike Odian's presentation The Golden Decade of Baseball in NYC.

The Board asked the director to research the possibility of obtaining a list of county-wide programs from MAINE that are available to our patrons.

Action Items: none

New Business:

Discussion of the Board of Trustees Bylaws: all Board members had reviewed the current By-Laws as well as suggestions made by library counsel D Zucker. Mr. Zucker was asked to review the By-Laws and recommend any changes he felt necessary to comply with current statutes. The following areas were discussed:

Term Limits- Libraries vary in their implementation of term limits, which are not required by statute. Term limits allow other citizens the opportunity to serve on the Board and to contribute fresh perspectives on the issues that may face the Board. Limitation of term can hinder the work of the board as they may result in the loss of historical information and institutional memory, and can open the door for those whose primary interest is political advancement. Stipulations already exist for removal of a Board member, in addition the Mayor can refuse reappointment at the end of any term, and Board members can resign from the position at any time should they have the need to do so. Historically it has been difficult to identify individuals willing and able to serve. The concept of appointing Alternates was suggested for consideration. After the discussion, the Board aligned to remove term limits from the by-laws.

The clarification of the term "Supermajority" was requested. It was understood to mean a Majority +1, or 2/3 vote.

The wording for Citizen Appointment should be changed to "ideally shall be staggered..."

The list of Standing Committees should be changed to include Personnel and Finance.

M Odian will oversee the rewrite of the By-Laws to include the discussion suggestions and present the updated version to the Board.

Discussion of the Concept of Quality Assurance within the Library: the question presented was "How does the Board of Trustees know that the policies of the library are being followed?" The Board agreed that the idea of having members audit certain policies should be investigated and/or discussed once a framework of how that would be accomplished has been presented. M Odian will investigate the issue and make recommendations to the Board.

Public Comments: none

The motion to adjourn was made at 8:16 by L Farmer; second by J Horton.

Respectfully Submitted,

