

W.H. Walters Free Public Library

1001 East Boulevard

Alpha, NJ 08865

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes for December 20, 2021

Current guidelines allow for this regular meeting of the W.H. Walters Free Public Library Board of Trustees to be held as a virtual meeting held in Council Chambers. Notice of virtual meeting was advertised and posted with 48 hours' notice by the Library Director on the Library's website and on the front and rear entrance doors to the Library.

The Board of Trustees Meeting for December 20, 2021 was called to order by Patrick McHenry at 7:10 pm via Zoom.

Present at the meeting were Patrick McHenry, Steve Noll, Seth Cohen, Tammy McGee, and Carla Roselle. Laurie Cartabona, Christina Smith, and Craig Dunwell were absent. Open Public Meeting Notice was read by Patrick McHenry. There was no flag; the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

Agenda Approved – Motion made by Seth Cohen to approve the agenda for the November 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Tammy McGee. All approved.

Minutes Approved – Motion was made to approve the minutes for the amended September 2021 Regular meeting by Seth Cohen. Steve Noll seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Opportunity for Public Comments - No comments.

Guest Speakers- None.

President's Report - Patrick McHenry reported that this would be his last meeting as President of the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Carla Roselle reviewed Bill Payment List and Statement of Financial Report. Ten bills amounted to \$3950.87 for the month.

Motion to approve Bill/Check list for December 2021 made by Steve Noll and seconded by Seth Cohen. A roll call vote was taken and all approved..

Motion to approve Financial Report was made by Seth Cohen and seconded by Steve Noll. A roll call vote was taken and all approved.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Internal Library Committee Reports - .

Library Director's Report – 26 new members this month; usage is about the same; increase is believed to be from festival. Lots of crafts going out and online programs being attended. Goal was met for Norewescap Giving Tree and all gifts were picked up. State Appropriations increased by \$2,554, so we are up to \$76,842 for 2022. New program funded by the American Rescue Plan Act is called NJ Health Connect at Your Library. It will provide links to televisit apps and health literacy resources. Librarians will be trained in how to use programs. Each library will be given 2 ipads that residents can use for telehealth visits.

Mayor's Report – no report

School Principal's Report – in-person choir and band concerts went well. The PTO held Santa's Workshop for the students and was a success. Covid is hitting school hard at this time. There are new quarantine guidelines based on whether individuals are vaccinated or not. The school will be hosting a vaccine clinic in January.

Motion to approve all committee reports was made by Tammy McGee and seconded by Steve Noll. All Approved.

Opportunity for Public Input - no comments.

Old Business – none

New Business – Patrick McHenry sent a letter of recommendation on behalf of the Board to have Steve Noll reappointed to the Board of Trustees.

The Board can recommend that if a trustee isn't showing up for meetings, that he/she can be removed from the Board and replaced. Seth Cohen mentioned that Mr. Davis enjoyed filling in for him and may be someone to approach if there was an opening for another Board member.

A motion to change January's regular and reorganization meetings from January 17 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) to January 24 was made by Seth Cohen and seconded by Patrick McHenry. All approved.

The Reorganization meeting and next regular meeting will be held on January 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

At 7:23 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Seth Cohen and seconded by Steve Noll. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McGee