

W.H. Walters Free Public Library

1001 East Boulevard

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes for March 15, 2021

Under the guidance of executive order number 107 from the Governor of the State of New Jersey, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this regular meeting of the W.H. Walters Free Public Library Board of Trustees was held as a virtual meeting using the audio-video service Zoom. 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, including how the public may attend, observe, or otherwise participate in said virtual meeting.

The Board of Trustees Meeting for March 15, 2021 was called to order by Patrick McHenry at 7:04 pm via Zoom. A motion was then made by Craig Dunwell to delay start of meeting by 5 minutes due to technical difficulties. Motion was seconded by Laurie Cartabona. A roll call vote was taken and all approved. At 7:12 pm, a motion was made by Tammy McGee and seconded by Craig Dunwell to resume regular meeting.

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

Agenda Approved – Motion made by Tammy McGee to approve the agenda for the March 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Laurie Cartabona. All approved.

Minutes Approved – Motion was made to approve the minutes for February 2021 Regular meeting by Craig Dunwell. Tammy McGee seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Guest Speakers- None

Opportunity for Public Comments - No comments.

President's Report – We are working on plans for reopening the Library.

Treasurer's Report – Carla Roselle reviewed Bill Payment List and Statement of Financial Position.

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

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

Craig wanted to go on record to say he doesn't like that we're using "Oriental Trading Company" due to his feeling that the name disrespects Asian Americans.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Internal Library Committee Reports - no committees have been formed

Library Director's Report – Library had been closed often in February due to snow days and days with no heat in the library. The annual report has been submitted for State Aid that we'll receive in November. Based on question by Craig Dunwell on State guidance for reopening, discussion followed regarding possible situations, requirements, and ideas for what reopening would look like.

Mayor's Report – Town is working on reopening the Municipal Building.

School Principal's Report – Students are continuing in-person on a half day schedule. Fire Alarm and HVAC are big budget issues, as is tuition to Phillipsburg School District as our student attendance at the high school has significantly increased.

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

Opportunity for Public Input - no comments.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

The next regular meeting will be held virtually on April 19, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

At 7:35 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Laurie Cartabona and seconded by Tammy McGee. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McGee