

W.H. Walters Free Public Library

1001 East Boulevard

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes for August 16, 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 August 16, 2021 was called to order by Patrick McHenry at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

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

Ellen Stocker was introduced as the new bookkeeper for the Library. Ms. Stocker shared her educational and business backgrounds. Tammy McGee made a motion to approve Ellen Stocker as bookkeeper. Steve Noll seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Agenda Approved – Motion made by Seth Cohen to approve the agenda for the August 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Christina Smith. All approved.

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

Opportunity for Public Comments - No comments.

Guest Speakers- None

President's Report – Hoping to host next month's meeting in person, but will decide based on current Covid-19 trends.

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

Motion to approve Bill/Check list for August 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 Craig Dunwell and seconded by Patrick McHenry. A roll call vote was taken and approved by Seth Cohen, Tammy McGee, Steve Noll, Laurie Cartabona, Patrick McHenry, and Christina Smith. Louis Cartabona abstained.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Internal Library Committee Reports - no committees have been formed

Library Director's Report – Carla Roselle shared that membership is increasing. More people are using the library, including the computers, as they realize the Library is open. August has been busy with people using faxing and other services. Program participation is still doing well.

Most library users are wearing masks; CDC is now recommending everyone wear masks regardless of vaccine status. Carla stated it can be difficult to help people at the computers when the other person is not wearing a mask, since she has to be in such close proximity to them. Louis Cartabona suggested we change our rules to have everyone wear masks. Carla agreed, stating it may help business since patrons seem to be a bit uncomfortable browsing for books near someone not wearing a mask. Seth Cohen recommended not using CDC as reason, instead, simply make it our policy. This would allow us to change policy as we see fit.

Motion to change mask guidelines to recommend everyone wear masks in the Library was made by Louis Cartabona. Steve Noll seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Seth Cohen, Laurie Cartabona, Tammy McGee, Steve Noll, Christina Smith, and Louis Cartabona voted in favor. Patrick McHenry voted not in favor.

Mayor's Report – no report

School Principal's Report – masks are now required in school. There will be 3 ft distance between desks, and cleaning protocols have eased up. The school is also in need of instructional aides.

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 – Carla Roselle informed us that the State Library has extended our Zoom account for online programs and meetings.

Carla also shared an issue with parking issues on East Blvd; new neighbors have been taking up all spots in front of the library, not allowing for elderly patrons to park near the library.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Patrick McHenry shared that we may be able to have an in-person meeting, but we would have to see what the Covid trends are at that time. Louis Cartabona responded that we have to make sure we

advertise to give enough advance notice to the public if we were to switch our meetings from virtual to in-person.

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

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McGee