BOARD OF TRUSTEES CRANBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2015 – 7:30pm Tom Gambino Room, Cranbury Public Library

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT AT 7:31 pm

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 2, 2014, 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, Trustee Ash Hadap, Chief School Administrator's Representative David Cook, Township Committee Lorraine Sedor, Trustee - excused Ira Negin, Trustee

Also Present:

Marilynn Mullen, Director Wendy Borg, Recording Secretary Robin Black, resident Nancy Whitcraft, resident

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 8, 2015 Regular Meeting Approved

4. TREASURER'S REPORT: David Fletcher

A. Recommended action on Bills Lists for October 31, 2015

Motion: Ira 2nd: Andre All were in favor. Approved.

B. Budget and Operating Status as of October 31, 2015

Balance sheet remains strong. The architect has been paid 90% of his fee - \$115,000 from three funds – capital expense, reserve funds, and surplus funds.

5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Marilynn Mullen**

Notes included in folder.

- A. Township appropriations are up \$31,000 to \$514,388 for 2016.
- B. LMx Awards reception in December. Marilynn will attend.
- C. Site plan was presented to Township Committee for approval.
- D. Director's summit Marilynn learned that Cranbury is now the only public library in the state that shares space with elementary students, since Avalon no longer has elementary students.
- E. Geocaching program upcoming.
- F. Foundation mailed a letter to all residents in November. About \$3,000 new donations have come in from 20 donors.

6. YOUTH AND OUTREACH SERVICES REPORT: Marilynn

Notes included in folder.

- A. Reading Buddies/SLiC has been very successful. Juvenile attendance high.
- B. Jan has visited the preschools: CPNS, Cranbury Montessori, and CranBuddies.
- C. Toddler Time is now meeting on Fridays.
- D. Upcoming programs: GrandPals, Geocaching, Photos with David Nissen, Spark Cart Activities, Makes-giving, Thank you Cards for Soldiers, Holocaust Memoir program; Kaplan practice tests; Scrabble tournament, Family Game Night.

7. SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Marilynn Mullen

Notes included in folder.

- A. Joann and Marilynn write for the Cranbury Chronicle. Donation received for the Foundation.
- B. IPad Academy series continues.
- C. New library events calendar for online.
- D. Cookbook Club continues.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kirstie Venanzi

Calendar - November and December reviewed.

- A. Review terms and vacancies on board; review officers; slate for election in January; feedback survey by Board on Marilynn's 2015 performance.
- B. Director presents budget, staffing, salary budget; Auditor engaged for next year; plan annual retreat for 2016.

9. REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

A. Mayor's Representative: David Cook

- 1. Hagerty/Cheney project moving along; developer will present a site plan this month; electricity almost complete on dam.
- 2. Township Committee will address library plan list.
- 3. We should know in the next 3-4 months the COAH number for affordable housing from the state, of which Dave noted should be doable.

B. Chief School Administrator Representative: Ash Hadap

- 1. BOE watching the Hagerty project; expectations are for 17 new students from this development. Also watching COAH developments.
- 2. BOE looking at surveillance policy and will report back to BOT after the next BOE meeting.
- 3. Marilynn and Kirstie gave a heads-up notice to the BOE facility and finance committees of the CPL terminating the lease.
- 4. Discussion on the question of needing legal representation as the CPL moves forward with planning. Kirstie felt none would be needed as the relationship with the BOE is good.

C. Foundation: Kirstie

- 1. Fundraising efforts will focus on school families, so they know about the new library plans, as well as how the school will expand into the public library space.
- 2. About \$1 million still needed to be raised for new library construction.

10. TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel Committee: Lorraine, Kirstie, Andre No report.
- B. Finance Committee: David, Andre, Ira See notes above.
- C. Policy and Planning Committee: Ira, Kirstie, Ash
 - a. Ira submitted a draft of the video surveillance policy.
- D. Nomination and Election Committee: Andre and Richard One open position. Nancy Whitcraft and Robin Black attended in interest.
- E. Special Facilities Development Committee/Task Force: Kirstie, Andre, and David
- F. Special Public Relations Committee: Andre, Richard, Lorraine
 - a. Richard suggested a budget for advertising.
 - b. Suggestion for a Cranbury Press article on the current status of fundraising for new library.

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Public Relations see above in Committee reports
- B. Technical Drawing for the new library
 - 1. Marilynn reviewed the Circulation desk area plans.
 - 2. Facility committee will meet soon with the architect.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

14. **OPEN DISCUSSION PERIOD**

Discussion on township tax ratables being built on east side of Route 130. Resident Robin Black attended the meeting and introduced her new book, a Holocaust memoir that she ghost-wrote.

15. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:40 p.m.

Motion: Kirstie 2nd: 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