

W.H. Walters Free Public Library

1001 East Boulevard

Alpha, NJ 08865

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes for June 20, 2022

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 via 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.

The Board of Trustees Meeting for June 20, 2022 was called to order by Patrick McHenry at 7:01 pm via Zoom.

Present at the meeting were Patrick McHenry, Seth Cohen, Craig Dunwell, Christina Smith, Steve Noll, and Carla Roselle. Tammy McGee and Tracy Grossman were not in attendance.

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 April 2022 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Steve Noll. All approved.

Minutes Approved - A motion was made to approve minutes from the April 2022 minutes by Seth Cohen and seconded by Christina Smith. Craig Dunwell noted that Steve Noll's name wasn't listed as present on minutes. It was agreed that amended minutes would be approved with Seth Cohen making motion and Christina Smith seconding. All were in favor.

Opportunity for Public Comments - no comments.

Guest Speakers and Programs - None.

President's Report - Apologized for need to have another virtual meeting as he would much rather meet in person, but due to Juneteenth (observed) the Municipal Building is closed.

Overview of overhaul of bylaws: fixing grammatical and spelling errors, reviewing forming of committees, codifying the changes to the already approved article relating to the term of President, simplifying language, overhauling design for ease of reading, revamp mission statement, and reaffirmation of duties for trustees. Hoping to have draft finished by September meeting.

Craig Dunwell asked who was on Rules Committee. Patrick McHenry answered it was he, Tammy, and Christina.

Fundraising Committee: asked Carla if there was a way to change our website into a .org website. Carla replied that it would cost thousands to change it over. Said it was gifted to us and that this was the first year in the 12 years since she's worked there that we were charged \$250 for help when things went awry. Seth Cohen said that we could change domains without too much trouble and that he has done it through GoDaddy and they transferred all website content from one domain to another. Craig Dunwell asked who owns the domain. Carla answered that it was owned by the Library and was donated by a Michael (last name?). He's been the one maintaining it. Carla said she would ask him about it. Craig mentioned issues the Borough had and still have since switching websites. Patrick, Seth, and Craig agreed that it was worth looking into.. Carla is concerned over who would do overhaul when the current site has been registered with the State Library and Google for 12 years and doesn't think that changing everything is a good idea at all.

In-person meetings: Patrick asked Seth about what the virus numbers look like currently. Seth reported the latest CALI report he has gotten, stating our county was in Green, the lowest category of current infection. Patrick asked if social distancing was still enforced. Seth said that mask mandates have been lifted and if we're in Green, then social distancing isn't being enforced. Patrick suggested that we have next meeting in the Library since the hybrid format in council chambers didn't work out how we had anticipated. Craig Dunwell pointed out that audio recording is not necessary and that while they help with preparation of minutes, what is needed is a "reasonable representation". Patrick responded that this is how we've always done it and we're used to it.

Treasurer's Report – Carla Roselle reviewed Bill Payment List and Statement of Financial Report for April. Patrick asked Carla to clarify which months bills and checks were for as he thought it was for April and May, but she read April and June. Confusion was because report came to her in June, but it was May's report. It was clarified that bills were for April and May.

Motion to approve Bills and Checks for April was made by Seth Cohen and seconded by Christina Smith. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

Motion to approve Financial Report for April was made by Christina Smith and seconded by Steve Noll. A roll vote was taken. All were in favor.

Craig Dunwell asked for clarification on Agenda. Agenda stated bill reports for May and June, but it is actually for April and May.

Motion to approve Bills and Checks for May was made by Craig Dunwell and seconded by Steve Noll. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

Motion to approve Financial Report for May was made by Steve Noll and seconded by Seth Cohen. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor.

Correspondence – No correspondence.

Internal Library Committee Reports -.

Library Director's Report – April had 16 new members, May had 24 new members. Usage, book borrowing both up, programs have been well-attended. Eyes of the Wild Program had around 50 attendees. Movie night next Saturday - crafts, face paint and tattoos. Reading to dogs is starting back up. Shoprite having 2 nutrition classes, one for kids and one for adults. Story Time will continue through summer, at request of many parents and grandparents. Book Club for Adults will continue. Still working on getting donations for prizes for summer reading motivation. Outside space desperately needed for programs. Patrick mentioned asking St. Mary's if they have space she could use. Seth said that once school is back in session, there are two groups that are always looking to get community service hours and he could check then. Craig mentioned a recreation plan that could end up working for her needs. Steve brought up need at Legion meeting and said they could talk about it more with more of a plan of what's needed. Craig brought up gazebo that is being planned on being built at Veteran's Park. Steve said that the plan was to have one built that is about 26' octagon-shaped.

Craig asked Carla about Hoopla. Said Alpha Library didn't come up on Hoopla website. Carla gave directions on where to sign in and how to find it.

Mayor's Report – Already spoke about Recreation Plan. Warehouse building was approved for corner of Varga Farm, but building won't be starting just yet.

Patrick asked if the Scenic Byway was approved to go through the town. Craig affirmed that it had. Craig added that we are working on acquiring the Vulcanite Train Station and turning the area into a history walking path.

School Principal's Report – School is out. Great end of the year. Our middle-school science teacher, Mrs. Flynn has retired and we will be approving a new middle school science teacher at the next Board meeting.

LGBTQ and inclusion curriculums will begin. A brief explanation was given. There has been lots of communication with parents and community members. Craig mentioned the ability for parents to "opt out" of curriculum and asked what those students are supposed to do during these lessons. Seth explained how this will be handled and expressed how this is nothing new when it comes to family life education.

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

Opportunity for Public Input - no comments.

Old Business – none

New Business – none

Next regular meeting will be on September 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

At 7:40 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by Seth Cohen and seconded by Steve Noll. All approved.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy McGee