

**FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MONROE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Regularly Scheduled May 18, 2022

A. Call to Order:

The May meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of Monroe Township was called to order at 7:00pm by President Joan Betterly followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Those present: Joyce Samoyan, Suzanne King, Jeanne Kirsch, Barbara Chamberlain, John Pohler, Robin Lewis, Janet Mead, Councilman Ron Garbowski, Joan Betterly and Samantha Snyder. President Joan Betterly confirmed that tonight's meeting was being held in compliance with the requirements of the Open to the Public Meetings Act.

B. Public Portion (Open/Close)

President, Joan Betterly opened the Public Portion of the meeting. No one from the public were at the meeting, President Joan Betterly closed the public portion of the meeting.

C. Approve April 2022 Minutes: Motion to approve April Minutes was made by Joyce Samoyan, seconded by Suzanne King All voted in favor.

D. Approve April 2022 Financial Reports: Off the record while the Board reviewed the April Financial Reports: Back on record. Motion to approve the April Financial Reports was made by Suzanne King, seconded by Joyce Samoyan. All voted in favor.

E: Approve Payment of April 2022 Vouchers: Motion to approve payment of April 2022 Vouchers was made by Joyce Samoyan, seconded by Suzanne King. All voted in favor.

F: Director's Report:

Building:

Samantha reported, on Saturday, May 7th lightening hit a transformer nearby and

the Library's power went out in half the building. The crew on staff that day helped the patrons out in the main library and sat in the foyer with the patrons who were waiting on their rides. Katrina had a Mother's Day Craft program going on in the meeting room so everyone finished up their craft just in time before the power went out 20 minutes later. Samantha reported, the power remained out until the evening but once the transformer was fixed power was only restored in the Meeting Rooms and one of the restrooms. Samantha reported, Buildings & Grounds had to reset a main breaker on Monday when we returned to work.

Library Events/Services:

Samantha reported, the Basket Auction and Shades of Harmony had their events at the end of April – between the two rooms there was about 200 people. Gina Martucci had her Art Show at the beginning of May, turnout about 200 people. Samantha reported the AARP wrapped up last month as well and they had their get together luncheon for the volunteers last week.

Vending Machine:

Samantha reported, at the end of April, Community Affairs was here refilling the vending machine out in the hallway. They notice a piece of the machine was missing. Samantha reported, she checked the cameras to see if anyone had opened the machine. Samantha reported, she found two teenaged boys were able to get inside the machine from the vending slot and notified the police. Samantha reported, the police took a report and Samantha forwarded all the information, including videos, officer contact number over to Brandee at Community Affairs.

Tibits:

Samantha reported, she put a key to the outlet on the solar panels inside the lockbox on the garden shed outback. Samantha reported, she also has a new lockbox for the garden people should they choose to accept it.

G: Committee Reports:

Garden Committee:

John Pohler reported as things come up in the garden they are taking care of it, and he did a three hour lecture this morning at the Gloucester County Training Center.

Friends Committee:

Joan Betterly reported the Friends scheduled their next Book Sale. It will be held on 10/22/22 and 10/24/22 and set-up will be on 10/21/22.

H: Old Business:

There was no Old Business to report.

I: New Business

Personnel and Policy Committee and Rotary News.

XIII. Policy Staff Attendance at Outside Meetings.

Joyce Samoyan made a motion to approve the Staff Attendance at Outside Meeting. Suzanne King seconded. All voted in favor

XI. Policy On Library Borrowing Period and Fines

Joyce Samoyan made a motion to approve the On Library Borrowing and Fines Policy. Suzanne King seconded. All voted in favor.

Rotary News:

Samantha reported the Rotary, as one of their community projects, have offered to pay for the plantings in the garden around the building and one of their landscapers will donate the plants.

A discussion ensued.

Joyce Samoyan made a motion to accept the Rotary's generous offer to pay for the plantings for the garden. Barbara Chamberlain seconded. Eight voted yay and one voted nay.

J: Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeanne Kirsch seconded by Suzanne King at 7:30pm all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen Uhl Transcriber

Joan Betterly, President
Board of Trustees