

**FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MONROE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Reorganization Meeting January 18, 2017**

**A. Call to Order:**

The January 2017 Reorganization Meeting of the Free Public Library of Monroe Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Director Paredes at 7:00 p.m. Those present: Mr. Garbowski, Ms. Samoyan, Mr. Pohler, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Betterly, Ms. Mead, Mr. Paredes, Ms. Chamberlain, and President King. Mr. Paredes confirmed tonight's meeting is being held in compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**B. Reorganization:**

**a. Election of Officers.**

Mr. Paredes accepted nominations for the Office of President. Motion was made by Ms. Samoyan nominating Ms. King for the Office of President; seconded by Ms. Betterly. All voted in favor.

President King accepted nominations for the Office of Vice President. Motion was made by Ms. Samoyan nominating Ms. Betterly for the Office of Vice President; seconded by Mr. Pohler. All voted in favor.

President King accepted nominations for the Office of Treasurer. Motion was made by Mr. Pohler nominating Ms. Patterson for the Office of Treasurer; seconded by Ms. Samoyan. All voted in favor.

**b. Appointments:**

Motion was made for the appointment of Susanne McKee as Clerk Transcriber by Ms. Patterson; seconded by Ms. Samoyan. All voted in favor.

President King asked for consent of the Board for the re-appointment of Nightlinger, Colavita & Volpa as auditors. All voted in favor with Mr. Pohler giving consent with the condition that the Audit be completed and submitted in the time prescribed.

President King asked for consent of the Board to re-appointment Tim McHugh, Esquire, as Solicitor for the Library Board. All voted in favor.

**c. Committees:**

President King confirmed committee assignments as follows:

**Garden Committee:** Mr. Pohler, Ms. Betterly, Ms. Mead.

**Personnel Committee:** Ms. Patterson, Ms. Mead, Ms. Samoyan.

**Policy Committee:** Ms. Samoyan, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Chamberlain.

**Building Committee:** Mr. Pohler, Ms. Betterly, Ms. Chamberlain.

**Fund Raising Committee:** Ms. Betterly, Ms. Samoyan.

**C. Oaths of Office:**

Ms. Betterly was sworn in at the Clerks Office for the renewal of her term on the Library Board.

**D. Public Portion (Open/Close):**

Ms. King opened the Public Portion of tonight's meeting. Patrick McDevitt spoke at the Public Portion concerning Grand Opening of the Community Vegetable Garden Project by Sustainable Monroe Township, which is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. McDevitt said he has been sharing information with other community groups in surrounding towns. They are planning on a seed library and seed swaps. They are looking forward to participation by the MUA with their commitment to bring water to the project. Parks & Recs will be bringing picnic tables and they are also hoping to have a shed donated. They anticipate having 24 beds set up and ready to go. The cost will be \$25.00 per plot which measures 16' x 4'. President King closed the public portion.

**E. Approve Minutes of December 2016 Meeting:**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 2016 meeting was made by Ms. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Betterly. All voted in favor.

**F. Financial Reports:**

Off the record to permit time for review of documents. Back on the record.

**1. Approve Financial Reports for December 2016:**

Motion to approve the financial reports for December 2016 was made by Mr. Pohler, seconded by Ms. Betterly. All voted in favor.

**2. Approve Payment of Vouchers for December 2016:**

Motion to approve the payment of vouchers for December 2016 was made by Ms. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Betterly. All voted in favor.

**G. Director's Report:**

**Lawsuit settled:**

Mr. Paredes informed the Board that the slip and fall lawsuit which dated back to Ms. Lillie's term of office has been settled.

**Bobby Rydell:**

April 8, 2017 will be Bobby Rydell Day at the Library. Mr. Paredes said Congressman Norcross will make a presentation to honor Bobby Rydel at the event which is scheduled from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Town Wide Flea Market:**

Mr. Paredes said the Library will be one of the sites in April when a town-wide flea market is planned. The Board will table any vote concerning the event until more information is available.

**Staff Meeting:**

Mr. Paredes will be meeting with the staff concerning reorganization projects.

**Tweens:**

Mr. Paredes stated that tween participation in Library programs has been very poor. He discussed with Ms. Mead the advisability of partnering with school projects and assignments. One suggestion was tween only book sales. Ms. Mead said the tweens are good readers.

**Slow Time of Year:**

Mr. Paredes noted that traditionally this is a slow time of year for the Library. He discussed with the Board joining the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce which offers 1/3 off tuition at Rowen which could apply to Library pages about to enter college. Mr. Paredes will look further into the cost involved with joining versus the benefits. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

**H. Committee Reports:****Garden Committee:**

Mr. Pohler noted he is feeding the birds.

**Building Committee:**

Mr. Pohler submitted a report regarding the condition of outdoor lighting at the Library.

**Fund Raising Committee:**

Ms. Betterly reminded Board Members that the Friends of the Library will be holding a Romance Book Sale for one day on 1/28/17 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. She noted they did purchase tote bags for patrons from prior fund raisers.

**I. Old Business:**

Mr. Paredes said the Chamber of Commerce will be looking into a Williamstown Business Exposition for 2017. Mr. Paredes conducted last year's event which began with 20 tables and grew into 65 tables. He said it was a lot of work

**J. New Business:**

Mr. Paredes discussed future plans with the Board.

**K. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Samoyan, seconded by Ms. Betterly. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Susanne McKee, Clerk Transcriber

Suzanne King, President  
Board of Trustees