

**Moorestown Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Moorestown, NJ 08057**  
**OFFICIAL ACTION**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
***February 23, 2022***  
**7:00 PM**

**Members in attendance:** Kevin Aberant, Dee Bertino, Jamie Boren, Jackie Brownell, Mary McMahon, Beth Misselhorn, Christine Spirgel, Joan Serpico

**Members not in attendance:** Micki Ginsberg, Caroline Joyce

**The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Ms. Bertino.**

**Open Public Meetings Act Statement**

“Notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act” by:

1. Posting a notice on the bulletin board at the Library and Municipal Complex
2. Emailing a notice to the Burlington County Times and Philadelphia Inquirer
3. Posting on the Library Board web page

The above posting, filing, and mailing having taken place on the 18th day of February 2022.

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Aberant and seconded by Ms. Misselhorn to accept the minutes of the meeting on December 14, 2021.

**VOTE: 7 – 0**

A motion was made by MS. McMahon and seconded by Ms. Brownell to accept the minutes of the meeting on January 26, 2022.

**VOTE: 7 – 0**

**Financial Discussions**

**1. Cash Disbursements Analysis Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Aberant and seconded Ms. Misselhorn to approve the Cash Disbursements Analysis Report.

**VOTE: 7 – 0**

**2. Cash Receipts Analysis Report**

A motion was made by Mr. Aberant and seconded by Ms. McMahon to approve the Cash Receipts Analysis Report.

**VOTE: 7 – 0**

### **3. January 2021 Budget Statement**

A motion was made by Mr. Aberant and seconded by Ms. Boren to approve the January 2022 Budget Statement.

**VOTE: 7 – 0**

### **4. Invoices in Excess of \$2,000.00**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Aberant and seconded by Ms. Boren to approve an invoice from OCLC in the amount of \$2678.00 for the library's app.

**VOTE: 7 – 0**

## **Directors Report**

See Attached.

## **Old Business**

Fine Free Discussion -

Ms. Serpico presented the Board of Trustees with her recommendation for a fine free policy at Moorestown Library, which includes the financial impact to the library budget, the mission and values of a public library, and data on the number of cards currently suspended (as of today 9%) due to unpaid fines. The entire board has had the opportunity to watch the NJLA presentation on going fine free and is in agreement to proceed with adopting a fine free policy for Moorestown Library. The board has directed Ms. Serpico to work with key staff members to provide a detailed implementation plan for going fine free to present to the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Though all library members would like to see all library cards removed from suspension immediately, the consensus is that how this is put out to the public is important and should only be done once all the pieces are in place to ensure the library is prepared and the public can be notified accordingly.

## **New Business/Trustee Comments**

None

## **Resolutions**

None

## **Public Comment / Trustees Comments**

Joan Bernstein loves the self-checkout and Hoopla

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Boren at 8:01 pm and seconded by Mr. Aberant.

**VOTE: 7 - 0**

**The next meeting is Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:00pm.**

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## Director's report

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### **Staff:**

A Clarion University MLIS student will be joining us this summer for an unpaid internship. She will be assisting with a cataloging project in our NJ Room and will learn about work done in children's and adult services, circulation, and tech services departments in the library.

Several staff were ill in the Circulation Department in January and February. Circulation staff covered for colleagues and staff from other departments helped when needed. The self-checkout machine lightened the load by checking out 3,251 out of 7,797 items in January or 42%!

### **Black History Month and Random Acts of Kindness Week:**

The library celebrated Black History Month with three programs, four displays and two grab n go crafts. In honor of Random Acts of Kindness week, the library offered free printing (up to \$10) and fine forgiveness (up to \$5 per item.)

### **Book Clubs, Reading Challenges and Concerts**

The Moorestown Library book clubs have been resurrected and will meet again on March 22. The 2:00 pm group will be reading *Oona Out of Order* and will be joined by author, Margarita Montimore! The 7:00 pm group will be reading *Fruit of the Drunken Tree*.

Concurrent reading challenges are taking place. Winter Reading for Children and Teens – Feb 1-28, 2022 – report at least 3 books for a prize. Adult Reading Challenge for 2022 – read a book from 12 out of the 13 prompts this year.

The library continues offering multicultural monthly concerts. Jan – tribute to MLK, Feb – cabaret- style, Mar – traditional Irish music.

### **Strategic Plan:**

The Strategic Planning Committee had its first meeting on February 8. Names are being collected for interviews and community conversations. The consultants said the survey should be ready in late February.

### **Friends of the Library:**

The Friends held their budget meeting on February 9. They voted to continue their generous funding of adult, teen and children's programs, eBooks via Overdrive, Kanopy streaming film subscription, museum passes and a new collection of reservable hot spots. They also agreed to fund new furniture for the meeting rooms, replacement outside umbrellas when needed, and a fund for staff appreciation. Book sales are planned for March 18 & 19, June 10 & 11, and September 23 & 24.