

**Meeting Minutes**  
**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2023**  
**In-Person**

**Called to Order: 7:04 PM**

**Regular Business**

Introductions made around the table in lieu of roll call to introduce new trustees

Present: John Trause, Sheila Sterling, Eileen Gabriele, Jessica Holmes, Jim Lessersohn, Anne Sullivan, Michael Staff (new Council Liason Trustee), Megan Bozios (new School's Liaison Trustee), Christina Gwynne (New Trustee)

Absent: None

Also present: Carol Blakeslee, Youth Services Librarian  
Laura Lyons, Oradell Town Clerk (departed 7:16 PM)  
Stephanie Biedermann, Member of Public (arrived 7:16 PM)

Swearing in of new & reappointed trustees by Laura Lyons, Oradell Town Clerk

President: Sheila Sterling **AS | EG**

Treasurer: Anne Sullivan **EG | JL**

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Eileen Gabriele **AS | JH**

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jim Lessersohn **EG | AS**

Secretary: Jessica Holmes **AS | JL**

Approval of minutes:

Meeting – December 14, 2022 **JH | AS**

Approval of financial reports – December 2022 – and Transaction Reports (Bill Lists) –  
December 2022 **JH | AS**

Acceptance of December 2022 Director's Report, Information Services Report, and Youth  
Services Librarian Report **JH | AS**

Director's Report: **JH | EG**

**Correspondence**

None.

**Old Business**

Strategic Plan:

- **SS:** Senior focus group met earlier this week. **AS** ran the group, received good feedback
- **JT: JL** conducted staff focus group
- **SS: JT** will also be reaching out to mayor & council for their input
- **MB:** suggestion—library could come into OPS and talk to the upper grade kids
- Parents of young children focus group will meet later this month (1/19)

Personnel Committee:

**SS:** Position vacancies of earlier this year have now largely been filled with the exception of one desk asst. Still looking for replacement.

Library Budget:

**SS:** Doesn't have date yet for budget presentation.

Misc.

- 1/28: Miniature golf in the Junior Room. Teen board will help.
- Volunteer appreciation breakfast will be Sat. 2/4 at 9:00 AM.
- Maker's Day, Saturday 3/25.
- **CB:** received grant from Rotary \$1500 to put towards costs for a story walk (22-24 spreads) Est. total = \$5200. She's like to do it at Memorial Field once total funds are raised. **EG:** Think about what issues the story walk might highlight and see if we could get grant \$\$ that way (environmental, stigma free, etc.)

**Staff recommendations**

None.

**New Business**

**JH** is going to do a public presentation on Alexander Calder at library sometime this year.

**JT:** Possibility of Board doing away with fines. He has always recommended we keep them, as a reminder to return materials. And if patrons lose an item from another library, OPL must pay for it. But if fines eventually become irrelevant (as is becoming a trend in many libraries), our Board can also revisit eliminating them.

**Public Portion**

**Closed Session**

**Motion to Adjourn: EG | AS [8:12 PM]**

**Next Board Meeting**

Wednesday, February 8, 2023