

**Meeting Minutes**  
**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**  
**In-Person**

**Called to Order: 7: 08 PM**

**Regular Business**

Roll call

Present: John Trause, Sheila Sterling, Jessica Holmes, Jim Lessersohn, Anne Sullivan, Christina Gwynne, Megan Bozios

Absent: Michael Staff, Eileen Gabriele

Approval of minutes:

Meeting – January 11, 2023 **AS | JH**

Approval of financial reports – January 2023 – and Transaction Reports (Bill Lists) – January 2023 **JH | JL**

Acceptance of January 2023 Information Services Report, and Youth Services Librarian Report **JH | AS**

Acceptance of January 2023 Director's Report **MB | AS**

**Correspondence**

None.

**Old Business**

Strategic Plan – Focus Groups

**JH:** Parents of Young Children focus group was held Thursday 1/26. 4 parents attended. Feedback was useful and parents were very supportive of the library. Would like to see it flourish. Parents of Teenagers focus group will be held 2/15.

**SS:** New Residents focus group is also upcoming, will be run by SS and Miriam Yu, former council liaison

Personnel

Personnel Committee will meet tonight after board meeting

Budget Committee

Library Budget 2023 – presented 2/4/2023. Feedback seemed positive. Amount of requested appropriation this year \$803,000. (3.2% increase v. last year's \$778,000)

Motion to approve entire budget for 2023 of \$817,500 in expenditures supported by \$817,500 in revenue (\$803,000 of which is the requested appropriation) **JL | CG**

**New Business**

**JT:** Board must certify that we're in compliance with BCCLS bylaws. Motion: **JL | AS**

**SS:** Mayor spoke with resident Stephanie Biedermann who is interested in joining the Board to fill slot vacated by Joe Colella and will hopefully be approved by next month. Council must first vote on her appointment.

**SS:** Maker's Day 2023 plans underway, organized by Lin Loh. Dates are 3/24–3/26, though Sunday 3/26 is still tentative. Timed tickets as last year. LL also planning and Oradell Public Library Foundation Fundraiser for Saturday, 4/22 “Wine and Wontons” here at the library.

**JH:** Handwriting Analysis program held 1/6 in the afternoon. JH received feedback from several residents who work during the day that would have enjoyed attending. **JT:** Handwriting analyst is quite elderly, hence early start time. But will keep it in mind for future events.

### **Public Portion**

### **Closed Session**

**Motion to Adjourn: JH | AS 7:51 PM**

**Next Board Meeting**      Wednesday, March 8, 2022