

Mamaroneck Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes for October 26th , 2022
Mamaroneck Public Library

I. Call to Order:

- Ellen Freeman, President, called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.
- Board members present: Janice Goldklang, George Mgrditchian, Liliana Diaz, Joanne Shaw, Ellen Freeman, Sonya Giacobbe, Elenita Chmilowski, Clayton Otto, Sid Albert
- Also present: Jennifer O'Neill, Library Director, Mary Soto, Library business office and guests, Tom Geoffino, New Rochelle Library Director, Chris Celin, New Rochelle Library Foundation president

II. Minutes of September meeting:

- A motion to approve the minutes from the July , 2022 meeting was made by Sonya giacobbe and seconded by Elenita Chmilowski and unanimously approved by the board.
- Omission from September minutes noted. Jennifer O'Neill, library director has stated her opposition to book banning and censorship of collections a topic that had been discussed at September meeting.

III. Discussion with New Rochelle director and Foundation president, Chris Celin. They had been invited to meeting to discuss that work and purpose of the New ROchelle Library Foundation. This foundation has been very effective in raising money to support the operation of the New Rochelle Library and is a model the Mamaroneck Library could adopt as we try to improve our fundraising efforts and as an alternative or in conjunction with a Friends of the Library organisation.

IV. Swearing in of Lilian Diaz as new trustee of the library to fill the unfinished term of Nancy Tucci.

V.. Financial Report

- Financial report was presented by Clayton Otto, Treasurer. Budget is on target.

VI. Expenditures for Approval:

- A motion to approve the expenditures was made by Sid Albert and seconded by Joanne Shaw and unanimously approved by the board.

VII. Budget discussion

The budget was presented for consideration by Clayton Otto. And the board discussed changes in many line items. Increases are explained by inflation

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pressure on operating costs and also an increase in programming and outreach which requires more resources. Salaries, a major component of the budget are again under discussion as the board recognises higher salaries are needed to attract and retain staff in the library.

VIII. Directors Report

- The architect is expecting feedback from the board on the plans he presented last month. Bard members requested a further walkthrough with the architect to get a better understanding of the plans.
- Ellen thanked the staff of the library for the centennial kickoff party, and Jennifer recognised the efforts of Mary Soto, Amy DOnohue, Joe and Giraldo.

IX.

. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting to executive session was mad by Joanne Shaw at 10:10 and seconded by Paul Ryan.

Meeting was closed at 11.15

Respectfully submitted,
Fiona Palmer