



FLORHAM PARK FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 14, 2024  
MINUTES

I. Call to order: @ 7:01 pm

Sunshine law obligations met.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Mayors Rep (J. Marchal)	Y
School Board (J. Stumpf)	N
N. Araveczech Shah (Director)	Y
L. Gaydosh	Y
J. Guerin	Y
T. Michalowski	N
M. Mink	Y
S. Saul	Y

III. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF BOARD PRESIDENT, Joe Guerin,

Motion: L. Gaydosh; Second: J. Marchal  
Motion carried unanimously.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF TREASURER Lou Gaydosh and SECRETARY Stacy Saul

Motion: J. Marchal; Second: M. Mink  
Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Motion to approve Minutes of December 18, 2023, meeting as presented.

Motion: L. Gaydosh;                      Second: J. Guerin  
Motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC PORTION

VI. Correspondence:

A. NJ State Library annual letter. Some reminders: Library Trustees are an autonomous board; Return of Library Excess Funding Law; No rental fees charges allowed.

B. Patron meeting room request asking to use larger meeting rooms

VII. Treasurer's Report:

A. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2023, as presented.

1. Monthly Expenses: \$21,905.74
2. Account Balance: \$389,392.79

Motion: S. Saul;                              Second: M. Mink  
Motion carried unanimously.

Transfers approved

VIII. Consideration of Expenditures:

A. Motion to approve Expenditures as of December 31, 2023, as presented:

\$21,905.74 from Regular  
\$ 0.000 from SUN  
\$ 0.00 from LOVE  
\$0.00 from Cunningham  
\$ 0.00 from Special  
Total \$21,905.74

Motion: J. Marchal;                          Second: M. Mink  
Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Director's Report:

A. Director's Report accepted as presented.

1. Library Usage: detailed report on performance and usage statistics for 2023
2. Facility: early closure on 1/9/24 due to weather; plumbing issues with hard water build up on faucets and men's room issues.
3. Finance: Moved \$200,000 from M&T Bank to Blue Foundry. Will move rest of funds over next several months.
4. Human Resources: Requesting permission to close the library on Friday February 23, 2024, for a staff education day. "Joy Committee" formed to boost morale during the year with Eva Scharfenberg as chair.
5. Digital Resources and Technology: Akhoury Room wiring issues; two new digital resources Wall Street Journal and The Shelf (spanish-language video streaming service). Waiting on Shemaroo (Indian language video content) to be active, likely next week.
6. Community Outreach and Programming: will offer semi-monthly financial literacy series; reached out to The Delaney a new senior living development; 4th annual Community Conservations series continues in January with Dream Play Build: Hands-on Community Engagement for Enduring Spaces and Places by James Rojas and John Kamp as discussion guide.
7. Main Library Alliance: Nancy's tenure as president of Main Board began January 11.

X. Personnel Committee:

A. 2024 Director Goals-move to February 2024 meeting.

Motion: J. Guerin; Second: J. Marchal  
Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Policy Committee:

A. n/a

XII. Planning Committee:

A. n/a

XIII. Old Business:

- A. Blue Foundry Bank Update
- B. Children's Room Update: proposal increased by \$43,000 due to miscalculation of shelving needs.

XIV. New Business:

A. Resolutions 2024-01 through 2024-07: Non-fair and open contracts, year-end  
fund transfers, bank authorizations

B. 2024 Staff Development Day Request

Motion: L. Gaydosh;                      Second: J. Marchal  
Motion carried unanimously.

XV: Executive Session

XVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:55 pm.  
Motion: J. Guerin;                      Second: M. Mink  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacy Saul