

WEST DEPTFORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2023

Open Public Meetings Act: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting has been given 48 hours or longer in advance to the South Jersey Times newspaper, offices in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, and the Courier-Post newspaper, offices in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Also 48 hours or longer in advance, notice of this meeting has been posted on the West Deptford Free Public Library website, has been posted on the front door of the West Deptford Free Public Library, and has been filed with the West Deptford Township Clerk. The public may participate in this meeting only during the public portion, which takes place near the end of the meeting. To be recognized to speak, members of the public must raise a hand. Upon recognition by the Chair, an individual must give name and address in an audible tone and will have five (5) minutes to make a statement.

Sworn in Megan Czuba

- A) Call to order —at 7:10 pm
- B) Roll Call
 - a) Present in Person: Joanne Miller, Lauren Sedberry, Carolyn Wood, Angela Petruz, Matthew Huesser, Meg Czuba, Kathy Goggin
 - b) Absent : Stacy Reid
- C) Review of minutes from previous meeting — December 19th 2022 meeting tabled till March meeting. Minutes approved for January 27, 2023
 - a) Joanne makes a motion to approve meetings
 - b) Lauren seconded
 - c) All in favor
- D) Treasurer Report
 - a) Joanne makes motion to pay bills in the amount of \$12,378.67
 - b) Lauren seconded
 - c) All in favor
- E) Director Report was distributed to the trustee via email for review.
- F) Friends of the Library – requested clarity on background checks, letter to be written.
- G) Report of the President of the board of trustees
- H) Committee reports
 - a) Strategic plan- open to the public, asking for staff and trustee to offer up names to included in meeting.

- I) Communicates –two letters mailed one with donation and other sharing joy over library display for valentines
- J) Old Business –discussed hiring two new employees. Budget not to be voted on until treasure can be in meeting.
- K) New Business – Background checks are required for anyone volunteering at the library on regularly basis. Matthew to check the background that the township requires. Drafting a letter for friends of the library to ensure clarity.
 - a) Matthew motioned to hire Paul Buckley Sr as Auditor
 - i) Joanne seconded
 - ii) All in favor
 - b) Matthew motioned to hire Joseph Slachetka as Solicitor
 - i) Joanne seconded
 - ii) All in favor
 - c) Joanne Motioned made to hire 3 people new staff members
 - i) Megan Seconded
 - ii) All in favor
 - d) Joanne Motioned to approved the Sara Crispi award to be awarded
 - i) Megan seconded
 - (1) Amount to be reviewed by next meeting.
- L) Public Portion – summary of public speaking, make public feel more welcome, asking for information about possible of upcoming more of library. Asking for clarity, expressed concerned over township meeting and feeling intimidated. Asking for transparency. Asking for the board to head off the “formal plan” that the board has not been provided. To look for other options and the board to push for other options.
- M) Announcement -None
- N) Adjournment
 - a) Meeting adjourned at 8:34