

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maywood Public Library was held on April 17, 2024, in the Trinka room at the Library.

In accordance with the requirements of the Sunshine Law of the State of New Jersey, the area newspapers have been properly notified of this meeting.

President Stathis called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

The following were present:

Trustees: M. Stathis, B. Dugan, A. Sabatini, E. Engel, R. Stuetz, N. Jengo (arrived after the March Minutes were approved)

Library Director: C. Hull

Superintendent Appointee: Lynn Soriano

The following were absent:

Trustees: E. Pope

Mayor: R. Bolan

Council Liaison: J. DeMuro

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2024, moved by Engel, seconded by Stuetz, with the change that Engel called the meeting to order – not Stathis (who was absent).

Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Pope	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes

Public Portion - none

Friends Report

The Friends had a meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of April and they signed up one new member. There are now 6 members.

There will be an Open Mic night on 4/24 @ 6:30.

Also on 4/24 - which is National Friends of the Library Day - adults checking out a book will receive a red tote bag with Friends information.

The next meeting is May 14th @ 1PM.

Correspondence - none

Director’s Report

- 1) The Seed Library has started its 4th year.
- 2) The new temporary children’s librarian has been hired and started working on April 15.
- 3) The library gave out 500 eclipse glasses - and had 100 calls on the day of the eclipse for glasses.

- 4) The kindergarten class will visit next Tuesday.
- 5) Hackbarth is coming next Wednesday for their annual visit. Director Hull will discuss grants for databases, museum passes, and book carts.
- 6) Bill Ervolino is speaking at the library on Saturday.
- 7) \$1000 was raised in the fundraiser.

Stathis asked 3 questions:

- 1) How are Paul and Aaron working out? They are helping with weeding, shelving, and gardening. Patrick will be finished working on May 9th.
- 2) How is the BCCLS website different? It is supposed to be more forgiving with searches.
- 3) Will the TV be installed before March 20th? No, but it should be installed by the 24th (before the Hackbarth visit).

March 2024 Bill List

a) Prestige: 24 items amounting to \$16, 548.07

Moved to accept by Sabatini, seconded by Jengo. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Pope	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

b) Hackbarth: 18 items amounting to \$29, 830.67

Moved to accept by Engel, seconded by Stuetz. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Pope	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

This includes the BCCLS quarterly bill and the computer upgrades.

Committee Reports

1) Construction Committee

There are no construction bills at this time.

The construction company’s attorney wants to go to mediation for final payment.

2) Strategy Committee

Sabatini, Stathis, and Director Hull have been attending webinars on *How to Plan the Strategic Plan*.

The next one is April 30th @ 7PM.

Old Business

Logo #2 was chosen as the new logo for the James and Pauline Hackbarth Free Public Library of Maywood.

New Business

a) Mathew Mitchell, Head of Adult Services at Paramus Public Library, has asked Maywood to join the Library IQ group he is organizing.

Library IQ can be used for marketing and developing the collection. For example, we know that only 34% of residents are registered library users. Maybe we could use the Library IQ to target specific neighborhoods for specific library information. As well, we could use information to make decisions

about which books or other materials should be added to the collection – and in which languages.

There is a \$2000 annual fee.

Motion to file a grant application for \$2000 from Hackbarth to pay for the annual fee for Library IQ, and if not approved, to pay for the fee from the Operating Account made by Stathis, second by Sabatini. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Pope	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes

Stuetz moved to adjourn at 7:09 PM, seconded by Sabatini. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bina Dugan, Secretary