



**BERKS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Board of Directors Meeting
November 18, 2020 7:00PM
Virtual Meeting
MINUTES**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Berks County Public Libraries was held virtually on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Board Members Present: Mary Edwards - President, Dr. Eve Kimball - Vice President, Charles Jones, Ginny Hand, Helen Flynn

Board Members Absent: Chris Daubert, Dr. Debbie Noel, Secretary/Treasurer

System staff present: Amy Resh, Library System Administrator; Alison Trautmann, Outreach Coordinator; Jeff Smilko, Technology Coordinator

District staff present: Stephanie Williams, District Consultant; Marissa Guidara, District Library Youth Services Consultant

Advisory Committee members present:

Mike Najarian, Bethel-Tulpehocken Public Library	Paul Hoh, Reading Public Library
Mary Picariello, Boone Area Library	Mindy Cohen, Robeson Community Library
Charles Wohl, Boyertown Community Library	Ben Robitzer, Sinking Spring Public Library
Louise DeMatteo, Brandywine Community Library	Donna Bird, Spring Twp; West Lawn/Wyomissing Hills
Karen Winegardner, Brandywine Community Library	Lisa Hoopes, Spring Twp; West Lawn/Wyomissing Hills
Denise Darrah, Exeter Community Library	Lisa Betz, Village Library
Chelsea Williams, Hamburg Public Library	Sandee Nevitt, Wernersville Public Library
Karen Cook, Mifflin Community Library	Trista Oxenreider, Womelsdorf Community Library
Melissa Adams, Muhlenberg Community Library	

Pledge of Allegiance: Mary Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: Mary Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Public Comment: Alison Trautmann read, public comments submitted in advance of tonight's meeting. The following person, through their submission, expressed their concern with the BCPL Advisory Board's recommendation of changes in the funding formula: Sherry M. Cianciola

Approval of Minutes: Ginny Hand made a motion to accept the minutes with two minor corrections, of August 19, 2020. Helen Flynn seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Amy reported for Debbie Noel that there is no unusual activity in the treasurer's report. Ginny Hand moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Helen Flynn seconded the motion. The report was unanimously accepted.

Correspondence: The Board has received three letters in regards to Spring Township/West Lawn libraries.

One letter from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries: Approval to carry over \$73,134 in County Coordination Aid to 2021 for use towards special projects.

Administrator's Report: Amy Resh shared her full report with the Board and Advisory Committee members (see attached detailed report).

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee report:

The BCLB has two trustees going off the Board in December 2020. We are grateful to Mary Edwards, President of the Board and Chris Daubert for their dedicated volunteerism to our library initiatives throughout Berks County.

Ginny Hand, Chair of the Nominating Committee is reaching out to current Board members and community leaders for recommendations of qualified candidates which Amy Resh will forward to the Berks County Commissioners for consideration for appointment.

A new slate of officers will be proposed by the Nominating Committee for a vote at our upcoming February 2021 Board meeting.

Old Business: The draft of the Membership Agreement and Automation Agreement was provided at our last meeting. A motion was made by Helen Flynn to approve the final draft of the Membership Agreement and the Automation Agreement. Ginny Hand seconded the motion. Both agreements were unanimously accepted to be sent to the Berks County Commissioners for approval.

New Business: No new business was reported.

District Consultant Report: Amy presented Stephanie Williams's report. (see attached detailed report).

Announcements: Amy Resh thanked the Berks County Commissioners for their approval of CARES dollars to support member libraries.

Adjournment: Charlie Jones moved for adjournment. Eve Kimball seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Hand for Debbie Noel
Secretary, BCPL Board

Next Meeting: February 24, 2021 7:00PM
System Headquarters: 1040 Berks Road, Leesport PA 19533