

Watchung Library Advisory Board minutes
March 4, 2020

Mission statement: The mission of the Watchung Library Advisory Board is to advise, support, and promote the interests of the Watchung Borough Public Library.

A meeting of the WLAB was held this day in the Bicentennial Room of the Watchung Library, 12 Stirling Road, Watchung, New Jersey 07069. This gathering serves as the reorganization meeting for the year.

President Amy Fiorilla opened and called the meeting to order at 3:37 PM.

In attendance:

*Amy Fiorilla, President
*Margaret Ellis, Vice President
*Eileen Dicken, Treasurer
*Tamara Benc, Secretary

*Bradford Leigh
*Stella Couchells

*Hannah Kerwin, Watchung Library Branch Manager
*Tricia Keene, Valley View Middle School Librarian
*Lindsay Goodloe, Borough Council member

No changes to the January 2020 minutes were suggested or made, so Margaret Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Stella Couchells.

Treasurer Eileen Dicken presented the Treasurer's report.

January beginning balance:	11785.10	
	-89.00	debit: Aqua Service visit and air pump
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	11696.10	
	362.90	deposit from fines
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	-75.00	debit: Aqua Service professionals
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Ending balance as of today's meeting:	11,909.00	

President Fiorilla opened nominations for officers to the floor.

Margaret Ellis nominated Amy Fiorilla for President, seconded by Stella Couchells.

-All were in favor; President Fiorilla was re-elected.

Amy Fiorilla nominated Margaret Ellis for Vice President, seconded by Stella Couchells.

-All were in favor; Margaret Ellis will remain Vice President.

Amy Fiorilla nominated Tamara Benc for Secretary, seconded by Margaret Ellis.

-The vote was unanimous; Tamara Benc will serve as Secretary.

Margaret Ellis nominated Stella Couchells as Treasurer, seconded by Amy Fiorilla.

-The vote was unanimous; Stella Couchells was elected Treasurer.

Margaret Ellis, Friends of the Watchung Library liaison, talked about Pi Day, planned for March 14 at the Watchung Library. The Friends have bought a Pi puzzle for the reading room table in honor of the day. Events will be coordinated by Virginia Hartmann, including serving pie to patrons. Originally homemade pies were planned to be served, but Branch Director Kerwin explained that only food from commercial kitchens may be served at the library. The event will be promoted on Facebook, the Friends' bulletin board, and the digital backpacks distributed by the local schools.

President Fiorilla reported that Chris Korenowsky is working on grants for several branches in the system at this time. Millennium Strategies is the professional grant writer working on our draft. The deadline for submissions is April 6.

Watchung Library Branch Manager Hannah Kerwin added that part of the application includes a community profile portion. Mr. Korenowsky has asked staff members to write brief community reports--like a town profile. On a separate note, SCLS performance reviews occur at this time of the year. Ms. Kerwin writes reviews for staff members. Part of Ms. Kerwin's presentation included a brief report about the ongoing "weeding" of collections taking place at all branches. Weeding helps streamline the collections and tailor them to borrowers. Some items removed from the library may stock the the Friends' second story bookstore, and the bulk of the deletions are being taken out by the system, collected periodically by a system employee. To conclude, Ms. Kerwin noted that she submits photographs for publication to local newspapers as well as the NJLA.

President Fiorilla reported that she has been in touch with Bill Hance about ordering card tables from Amazon, which he will process; and 2' x 4' adjustable tables from Costco (these purchases were approved at our last meeting). Ms. Fiorilla will buy the selected tables at Costco and deliver them, if no other better option appears for procuring them directly by the borough.

Councilwoman Goodloe shared that she is looking forward to serving as WLAB liaison.

Meetings of the WLAB will now be held at 4 PM. Upcoming dates on the calendar include: April 15 (special added meeting), May 20, July 15, September 16, November 18, and January 20, 2021.

Secretary Benc made a motion to approve the new time and dates; VP Ellis seconded the motion. All approved.

The meeting concluded at 4:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara S. Benc
WLAB Secretary