

**Glen Cove Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes for September 21, 2021**

Attendance:

Present were Trustees, N. Ackerman, R. Leff, M. Maher, M. Morales, A. Petrash, Treasurer R. Abbondandolo; Director K. Flynn, Assistant Director J. Cabo

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 by Mike Maher, President of the Board of Trustees.

I. Minutes:

A motion was made by A. Petrash to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting. Seconded by N. Ackerman. All in favor.

II. Bills:

The warrants for August 2021 and September 2021 covering the period 7/21/21 – 9/21/21 for total transactions of \$236,190.21 were presented for approval. A motion to accept the warrants was made by N. Ackerman. Seconded by R. Leff. All in favor. The Treasurer's Reports for July 2021 and August 2021 were presented for approval. A motion to accept the Treasurer's reports was made by R. Leff. Seconded by N, Ackerman. All in favor.

III. Director's Report:

1. The Library Board of Trustees' by-laws call for a vote of officers after the July meeting. "The officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer." The Treasurer need not be a trustee.

VOTE FOR OFFICERS:

Michael Maher – President

Richard Leff – Vice President

Mercedes Morales – Secretary

Rocco Abbondandolo --Treasurer

2. Library hours:

In the past, the Library has been open on Sundays from 1pm – 5pm beginning the week after Columbus Day. Should the Library resume that schedule in 2021?

The Board agreed that the Library should open on Sundays beginning 10-17-21.

3. COVID-19 update:

The Library continues to follow up with precautions to the Delta strain of the COVID-19 virus. In Nassau County the number of new cases from 9/7 – 9/20 was over 5,200. Any staff members who have not been vaccinated have been submitting the results of a COVID test weekly. The Library is also enforcing the use of masks inside the building by patrons and staff. Our programs will continue to be offered virtually.

4. The Flood of 9-2-2021:

On September 2nd the remnants of Ida deluged the GCPL. The community room had over 4' of flood water, the staff room and storage room had 2" – 3" and the back office on the main floor had a few inches. The flooring in all of these rooms will have to be replaced. Glen Floors worked with the Library to lay the entrance way floor right away so the Library could reopen to the public.

The Library has been developing RFP's in order to obtain estimates to repair/replace floors and walls that have been damaged.

Most of the Library chairs and much of the other furniture was being stored in the community room to prevent patrons from congregating during the time of COVID. All of it was ruined.

The Library has insurance coverage up to \$100,000. The first check sent will be for \$37,701.23.

Content damage is just over \$60,000.

Neil Ackerman followed up on the insurance coverage with broker, Joe Price.

5. Christopher Crosby:

Christopher was an employee at the Glen Cove Public Library for just over 20 years. He passed away on September 6, 2021. His family has brought visual arts, poetry and music to the Glen Cove community for decades. Chris himself was an accomplished musician and played bass guitar in a number of bands. He was invited to perform regularly at the John Coltrane annual celebration day. Chris was a wonderful asset to the Library. His warm smile and kind soul will be sorely missed.

IV. Old Business: None

At 7:30 Richard Leff called for an Executive Session. The session was ended at 7:40.

V. New Business:


- The Board asked the director to look into state contracts for the window project.
- The Library is collecting estimates on the work needed to repair the Library after the flood of 9-2-21.

An Executive Session was requested at 8:10. (See executive session minutes). The session was ended at 8:20.

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business to bring before the Board of Trustees, a motion was made to adjourn by R. Leff at 8:21. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 6:45 in the Library.

Recorded by:


Kathie Flynn, Director

Approved by:


Secretary