

**MINUTES  
OF THE EDISON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

Present: Patricia Massey, Fiona Meade, Lisa Krauze, Sue Cason O'Neill, Jyothi Pamidimukkala, Tony DePasquale, Brian Rivera, Ray Alcantara

Absent: Neville Arestani

Also Present: Dominick Bratti (Board Attorney), Allan Kleiman (Library Director), Debra Sarr (Assistant Director)

The President called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. She led the Salute to the Flag and read the Open Public Meetings statement; roll call was taken.

On motion and second (Meade, Krauze), the minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2022 were approved. Roll call vote: yes – Krauze, O'Neill, Meade, Pamidimukkala, DePasquale, Rivera, Alcantara, Massey; absent- Arestani

President's Report:

Ms. Massey said many exciting things were happening this month. Ms. Massey had the opportunity to visit the library at Menlo Park Mall. Staff will be at the Information Desk Monday through Friday from 1:00-5:00 PM and Saturday, February 12 from 10:00-1:30 PM. She hopes everyone has a chance to visit.

Ms. Massey is pleased for the Library to formally accept the Library Construction Grant for work at the North Branch. It allows time to focus on improvements at the Main Library.

The Library will be hosting a lion dance at the Lunar New Year Celebration as well as two outstanding programs for Black History Month.

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Massey thanked Allan, Debra, and the staff for working together to make Edison "one" Library that's more unified and visible to the community.

Ms. Massey attended several online meetings, including an interesting one about how the Library Board and Director work together.

Additionally, there was a Personnel Committee meeting. No action needs to be taken at this time.

#### Financial Report:

Financial reports were reviewed.

A rough draft of the 2020 audit should be available towards the end of the month. Once that is received a meeting with the Financial Committee will be scheduled.

On motion and second (Krauze, Alcantara), the bill list was approved.

Roll call vote: yes- Meade, Krauze, O'Neill, Pamidimukkala, DePasquale, Rivera, Alcantara, Massey; absent-Arestani.

#### Director's Report:

The Simon staff at the Menlo Park Mall have been incredibly helpful.

Mr. Kleiman met with the Township and hopes to have the final budget completed soon.

The Library is currently experiencing two overriding issues at the Main Library which include the plumbing and the children after school from 3:00-5:00pm. The Library is looking into ways to alleviate these issues.

The Library is hosting a Lunar New Year Celebration and two programs for Black History Month.

The Menlo Park Mall is interested in the Library doing events in the circle. The Library is taking direction from the strategic plan which is to go where the people are, not wait for them to come to the Library.

On motion and second (Massey, Krauze), a resolution to accept the New Jersey Construction Bond Grant Agreement with the New Jersey State Library was read and approved. Roll call vote: yes-Meade, Krauze, O'Neill, Pamidimukkala, DePasquale, Rivera, Alcantara, Massey; absent-Arestani.

### Committee Reports:

No committee meetings other than the Personnel Meeting.

On motion and second (Pamidimukkala, Krauze), the Librarian contract was approved. Roll call vote: yes-Meade, Krauze, O'Neill, Pamidimukkala, DePasquale, Rivera, Alcantara; absent-Arestani

### Unfinished Business:

The Library hopes to finalize the Board meeting dates for the March meeting.

### New Business:

None

On motion and second (Krauze, Rivera), the meeting moved to public comment.

### Public Comments:

On motion and second (Krauze, Pamidimukkala), the meeting returned to regular session.

### Announcements:

The President reminded everyone to visit the library at the mall and check out the website to sign up for the programs. She also recommended people take a look at the history of Edison section on the Library's website that is very interesting.

The next regular meeting is on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM, at Council Chambers.

On motion and second (Krauze, Meade) the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.