

Wharton Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes – from May 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Michele Howe at 7:06pm

Present: Trustees Ana Jones, Colleen Pascale, Michele Howe, Leonor Vasquez, Amelia Nittolo, Christopher Roman, **Also in attendance:** Virginia Halprin, Library Director

Absent: Deb DiMatteo

Public Notice Read aloud by Mrs. Howe: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., proper notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Ledger, on the library's website, and on social media pages.

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve minutes from April 15, 2025 meeting: Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Pascale.

Correspondence – None. Mrs. Howe asked if we heard back from the attorney Michael Patrick Carroll regarding the will of a former patron. Ms. Halprin said we have not, and Ms. Pascale suggested we follow up with the court.

Committee Report: Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report: Ms. Howe discussed her notes on the proposed 2025 budget. Trustees discussed the budget, and Mrs. Howe called Mr. Kovalcik to clarify difference between 2024 and 2025. Trustees then specifically discussed line item 8, related to HVAC expenses.

Ms. Halprin was concerned about the cost to cover computers. Ms. Pascale recapped past budget and spending concerns, stating that Mr. Kovalcik took over the budget to try to build up our fund balance.

Motion to approve the 2025 budget in the amount of \$344,159.68 by Miss Pascal second by Miss Jones

Financial Report: Motion to pass resolution 54, May 2025 bills list by Miss Pascal second by Miss Jones

President's Report: Friends of Library Update, Action Item update from town

Library Director's Report Highlights:

- a roof leak was reported Student Art was saved by efforts of the library staff
- Ladies room window covering discussed. Trustees to purchase a tension rod and curtain as a solution.
- June 17th marks the beginning of summer programs and summer reading
- Library news related to Wharton School District (first grade will visit to library, Miss Ridgway will come to the school to meet with other grades)

Public Portion - No members of the public were present.

Old Business – T-Mobile issue is still pending

New Business – None

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:16pm by Ms. Pascale, seconded by Ms. Vasquez.