

**PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY
999 OLD COUNTRY ROAD
PLAINVIEW, NY 11803**

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MAY 18, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Joseph Eisner called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM in Meeting Rooms C and D of the Library. Present were Trustees Marilyn Leibowitz, Stefanie Nelkens, Rhoda Orenstein and Michael Polansky, Library Director Gretchen Browne, Recording Secretary Ruth Guarnera, and staff members Mary Licata and Marilyn Stolove. Linda Prussein attended the meeting for a brief time.

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PARTICIPATION: None

MINUTES: The Minutes of April 20 and May 4, 2011 were accepted as written in a motion by Mrs. Orenstein, seconded by Mr. Polansky.

REVENUE &

DISBURSEMENTS: Received and filed.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: The schedules of bills dated 4/30/11 and 5/12/11, were approved in a motion made by Mrs. Orenstein, seconded by Mr. Polansky.

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Mrs. Browne discussed the following:

- The budget passed by a large margin.
- The NLS Area 9 meeting will be held at the Farmingdale Library on June 9th.
- Pavers for the walkway connecting the staff and front parking lots have been chosen. Our electrician will provide an estimate for lighting.
- We will receive an additional 10% in grant funds for the loading dock project.
- The possibility of switching our gas supplier from National Grid to Hess, who has been awarded the Nassau County Contract, is being discussed among member libraries. Attorneys Fishbein and Tenenbaum are reviewing the contracts. More information will be available at the June meeting.
- Maria Pontillo and Renee Zeichner have created a video on YouTube with instructions for downloading eBooks. They have also designed a mobile website, with help from Mike Morea at NLS.

- Several projects under consideration for construction aid were discussed.
- Talking books, a huge financial burden to NLS, may be shifted to individual libraries.
- The new Library card application was reviewed and suggestions were made for changes. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The following reports were received and filed:

Library Statistical
Family Center Statistical
Circulation Control
Community Service
Community Service Program
Information & Referral Service
Family Center
Family Center Program
Media Center
Reference

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Patron Delinquency Policy – Suggestions and editorial corrections were discussed. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Personnel & Salary Changes – On a motion by Mrs. Nelkens seconded by Mrs. Leibowitz, the personnel & salary changes were approved.
Inventory Removal – The inventory removal was approved in a motion made by Mr. Polansky, seconded by Mrs. Nelkens.
NLS Support – Mr. Eisner suggested Trustees bring their concerns to the Area 9 meeting on June 9th.
Non-Bargaining Unit Salary Increase – Mr. Polansky made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Leibowitz to award all non-bargaining employees on staff as May 1, 2011, a 2% raise beginning July 1, 2011, effective for one year. The motion carried, all Trustees voting aye.

OTHER BUSINESS: In celebration of his re-election as a Trustee, Mr. Eisner graciously served a fruit platter, which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mrs. Orenstein moved the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Leibowitz seconded; upon unanimous vote, the meeting ended at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Guarnera, Recording Secretary