

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Bloomingdale Free Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
December 9, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Ed Simoni at 7:35pm. He announced that the meeting was in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. In attendance were Trustees Linda Bennett, Robert Bloodgood, Jennifer Ellis, Karen Kirby, Thomas Kroncke, Darlene Nowak, and Ed Simoni. Also in attendance were Mike Sondermeyer (Council Liaison) and Patti Perugino (Library Director). Debbie Sondermeyer was excused.

**Minutes of Prior Regular Meeting** – A motion was made to approve the minutes by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Karen Kirby. All trustees were in favor.

**Public Comment** – A motion to open Public Comment was made by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Karen Kirby. With no member of the public coming forth a motion to close was made by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Darlene Nowak. All trustees were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report / State Aid Report** – The report for November was presented by Karen Kirby. A motion to approve the report was made by Darlene Nowak, seconded by Jennifer Ellis. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

**Purchase Order Report / Budget Report** – The reports for November were presented by Patti Perugino. A motion to approve the reports was made by Karen Kirby, seconded by Robert Bloodgood. In a roll call vote all trustees were in favor.

**Collection Statistics Report / Community Usage Reports** - These reports were presented by Patti Perugino. A motion to approve the reports was made by Jennifer Ellis, seconded by Karen Kirby. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

**Library Director's Report, Adult Programs Report, Language Program Report, Literacy Program Report, and Children's Program Report** – The reports were presented by Patti Perugino. A motion to approve the reports was made by Jennifer Ellis, seconded by Karen Kirby. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

**Budget Committee** – Patti Perugino reported that the committee will meet before the end of the year.

**Policies and Procedures Committee** – No Report

**Public Relations Committee** – Jennifer Ellis reported that she is working on posts for Face book and Instagram.

**Grants and Funding Committee** – No Report

**Board of Education Committee** – No Report

**Literacy Foundation** – Ed Simoni reported that the Foundation met on 12/4. Items discussed: 1. a possible “Bloomingdale Has Talent” night in Sloan Park. 2. Investigation of 2 free standing “Bloomingdale Free Public Library” signs. 3. Perhaps a “Texas Barbeque” fundraiser. 4. Discussion of a scholarship.

**Unfinished Business and General Orders** – Library Board of Trustees meetings – 2020 – A motion was made by Robert Bloodgood and seconded by Thomas Kroncke to amend the Library Bylaws (Article VI Section 1) concerning Board of Trustees meeting months. The new months will be: January, March, April, June, July, October, November, and December. In a roll call vote all Trustees were in favor. This was the second reading.

**New Business** – 2020 Trustee Nominations – The nomination committee (Jennifer Ellis and Thomas Kroncke) met. The committee recommends the following: Robert Bloodgood – President, Jennifer Ellis – Vice President, Karen Kirby – Treasurer, and Thomas Kroncke – Secretary. A motion was made by Robert Bloodgood and seconded by Darlene Nowak to accept the Nominations. In a voice vote all Trustees were in favor.

A motion to approve closing the Library for the Holiday Luncheon from noon – 2pm on 12/13/19 was made by Robert Bloodgood and seconded by Karen Kirby. In a voice vote all Trustees were in favor.

**Public Session** – A motion to open Public Session was made at 8:19 by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Thomas Kroncke. With no member of the public coming forward, a motion was made to close Public Session was made by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Thomas Kroncke. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

**Adjournment** - A motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 by Robert Bloodgood, seconded by Thomas Kroncke. In a voice vote all trustees were in favor.

**Post Adjournment** – A celebration of gratitude and congratulations on his retirement from the Board of Trustees was held for Ed Simoni for his dedication (working 12 years and serving as president) with the Library. Speakers were: Patti Perugino, Mayor Jon Dunlevy, and Darlene Nowak. A presentation was made by Robert Bloodgood. Also in attendance were the Library Staff, Mrs. Simoni and their daughter. Patti Perugino supplied refreshments.

Thank you, Ed for all that you did and will continue to do for the Library! Best Wishes!

Submitted by Thomas Kroncke