

NORWOOD LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

From: Kathryn Boswell

Date: April 16, 2020

Members in attendance (via zoom): Ulana Ballan, Kathryn Boswell, Alice David, Denise DiVincenzo, David Fenton, Kathleen Hartman, Amanda Jones

Members absent: Leonard Halpern, David Mudry, Steve Murray

No guests in attendance

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen at 6:40 p.m. on April 17, 2020.

There is no Friends Report.

A motion made by David F. to accept the consent agenda was seconded by Alice and passed unanimously.

After inquiry, it was determined that no conflict of interest existed for any new or old business.

A motion was made by David F. to pay the outstanding bills, as audited by David F. The motion was seconded by Denise and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Discussion on renovations update:

The shelving from Brodart will be ready by April 24, but there are many restrictions on us in the current situation. There are no clear guidelines as yet by which we can proceed. There is a possibility of fines for continuing if the work does not qualify as 'essential'. Installation of shelving will involve three-four people. The final electrical work by Continental will only involve one person.

It was noted that libraries are exempt from some restrictions as governmental entities, and it is possible we might qualify as essential as a support for the schools. Conclusion is that this is a gray area. We will wait at least another week to receive clearer guidelines. When there is official clearance Amanda can proceed with the work; no further Board involvement will be necessary.

Shelving installation will take two-three days. Including the time needed to restock shelves, etc, Amanda estimates that the total time needed for re-opening would be about a week from the time the shelving installation begins.

New Business:

1. It was resolved that the library will remain closed until at least May 15, subject to any further directives by the Governor. The motion was put forward by Alice and seconded by David F. It passed unanimously.

2. The new date for Trustee elections will be Tuesday June 16, pending further notice. The motion was made by Alice and seconded by David F. It passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by David F. and seconded by Alice. It passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be May 21, 2020, at 6:30, NPL Community Room or by telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Boswell