

**Glen Ridge Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Special Board Meeting
Held Remotely via Zoom
Saturday, December 23, 2023
10:30 AM**

President Carol Harpster called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. She referenced the following statement from the agenda: “Adequate notice of the date and time of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Notice has been transmitted to the Glen Ridge Paper and the Glen Ridge Voice and has been posted in the Glen Ridge Municipal Building and the Glen Ridge Public Library. A list of meeting dates for the Glen Ridge Free Public Library Board of Trustees is also on file with the Glen Ridge Borough Clerk.”

Roll Call:

P	Bernice Clark Bonnett	P	Tina Payne
P	Geoffrey Darby	A	Damein Phoenix
P	Carol Harpster	P	Harry Rush
P	David Lefkovits	P	Jeanna Velechko
A	Deanna Pagano	P	Tina Marie Doody

PUBLIC SESSION

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Search Update: Bernice Clark Bonnet

Board Vice-President, Bernice Clark Bonnett updated the Board on the search for two Library trustees to replace outgoing trustees Carol Harpster and Harry Rush.

- a. 18 applications were received, and 10 interviews were conducted.
- b. Bernice thanked Carol Harpster and Tina Marie Doody for their assistance during the search process and thanked her search team: Geoffrey Darby and Jeanna Velechko.
- c. The search team was seeking candidates who have the time, talent, and skills to work collaboratively with the current Board.
- d. The search team recommends the following two candidates for approval/appointment by the Mayor and Council to the Glen Ridge Library Board of Trustees (5-year term as set by the state)
 - a. Marilyn Law
 - b. Edward Kastenmeier
- e. Members of the Board collectively thanked the search team for their hard work and dedication.

A motion to approve the recommendation of Marilyn Law and Edward Kastenmeier as Glen Ridge Library Board Trustee candidates for approval by the Mayor and Council was made by Bernice Clark Bonnett and seconded by Geoffrey Darby. There were 7 ayes and the motion was approved.

Aye	Bernice Bonnett
Aye	Geoffrey Darby
Aye	Carol Harpster
Aye	David Lefkovits
	Deanna Pagano

Aye	Tina Payne
	Damein Phoenix
Aye	Harry Rush
Aye	Jeanna Velechko

Bernice Clark Bonnett will notify those who were not chosen and will encourage them to stay involved with the library. She will also notify Marilyn Law and Edward Kastenmeier of the Board’s recommendation. The Council reorganizational meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2024.

Carol Harpster will notify the Mayor and the Council via email regarding the Board’s recommendation.

Treasurer’s Report: Tina Marie Doody and David Lefkovits

Tina Marie reported that a one-time glitch caused an error in the Treasurer’s Report which was reviewed at the December 13, 2023 Board meeting. That glitch has been resolved.

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report (Attachment #1) was made by David Lefkovits and seconded by Harry Rush. There were 7 ayes and the motion was approved.

Aye	Bernice Bonnett
Aye	Geoffrey Darby
Aye	Carol Harpster
Aye	David Lefkovits
	Deanna Pagano

Aye	Deanna Pagano
	Damein Phoenix
Aye	Harry Rush
Aye	Jeanna Velechko

New Business:

Tina Marie Doody reported that the Friends of the Glen Ridge Library Annual Appeal is a mere \$220 away from their fundraising goal of \$15,000. She expects to hit or exceed that target as the campaign runs through December 31, 2023.

Carol Harpster and Harry Rush thanked the Board and promised to remain active volunteers.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Harry Rush seconded by Carol Harpster at 10:55 am. There were 7 ayes and the motion was approved.

Aye	Bernice Bonnett
Aye	Geoffrey Darby
Aye	Carol Harpster
Aye	David Lefkovits
	Deanna Pagano

Aye	Deanna Pagano
	Damein Phoenix
Aye	Harry Rush
Aye	Jeanna Velechko

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Carol Harpster filling in for Deanna Pagano, Board Secretary

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:30 in the Library's 1st Floor Conference Room.

Attachment #1