

BOARD of TRUSTEES
Budget Information Meeting
March 24, 2022

Board Members Present: Joyce Hilgeman, Ph.D., President
Ellen Rieger, Vice President
Renee Boyer, Finance Officer
David Clemens, Secretary
Jennifer Shore, Trustee

Library Staff: Ryan Athanas, Director
Linda Meglio, Assistant Director
Katherine Rath, Senior Account Clerk

Absent: Cristina Spinelli, Treasurer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Joyce Hilgeman, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Community member Mr. Peter Shore was in attendance, as well as (2) members of the staff, Mr. Brian Adams and Mrs. Patricia Fellmeth.

Mr. Athanas, Library Director and Mrs. Meglio, Assistant Director, gave a presentation highlighting the activities from the past year, as well as statistical information about the many programs and services that were provided to the community. The presentation specifically touched on how the library has been able to encourage connectedness by fostering our relationship with many community organizations as well as the Harborfields School District. The library has been able to establish relationships with HAPLO, HACO, HACEF, SEPTA and the Harborfields' PTA, as well as to work with students through the Career Intern Program and Project Excel. The library also partnered with the Greenlawn Civic Association for both their Greenlawn Nights and Safe Halloween projects, further encouraging the community to take advantage of the many worthwhile services the library has to offer.

In addition, support of our patrons expanded when the library launched a new website with programming, room booking and online chat software, as well as with the addition of new hybrid (in-person and virtual) exercise classes and book discussion groups. Our popular community digitization project continued to allow patrons to bring in older VHS, 8mm, audio tape, negatives and slides to be digitized, preserving their memories for years to come.

And finally, 2021 marked the beginning of our journey to becoming a Sustainable Library. Once achieved, this nationally recognized designation will confirm our pledge to sustainable practices in building maintenance, purchasing, collections, programs and services in order to ensure economic feasibility, environmental stewardship and social equality for our community.

Mr. Athanas made his presentation available on the library's webpage under About/Budget Information.

Motion by Mrs. Shore, seconded by Mrs. Rieger, to adjourn the Budget Information Meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Rath for
David Clemens, Secretary