

**Kennett Library
Board Meeting Minutes**

July 19, 2022 Board of Trustees

✓ Barbara Bolton ✓ Gail Bowden ✗ Chris Britt ✗ Todd Bruce ✗ RuthAnn Deveney ✓ Margaret Egli ✓ Barbara Forney ✓ Dan Gannon ✓ Michael Guttman ✓ Will Majarian ✓ Brenda Mercomes ✓ Claire Murray ✗ Barbara Necarsulmer ✓ Loren Pearson ✓ Brad Peiper ✓ Leah Reynolds ✓ Lee Sausen ✗ Thomas Swett ✓ Collis Townsend ✓ Jeff Yetter

15 present (20 Trustees)-Quorum achieved

Guests: Chris Manna, Filomena Elliott, Amanda Murphy

Agenda items
OPENING OF MEETING/PUBLIC COMMENTS
Jeff opened the meeting at 5:03 pm. There were no public comments
PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
Welcome to Claire Murray. Topping Off ceremony was well received. Brad thanked Mary Hutchins and all of the library staff for putting on and helping with the Topping Off ceremony.
MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE BOARD MINUTES
Motion to approve made by Michael, and seconded by Barbara F. The motion passed.
DIRECTOR’S REPORT
Online storage account is now live and should be used to electronically store documents. Individual logins not yet available. Docs for storage should be emailed to kennettlibrary@gmail.com . There are currently four active lawsuits involving CCLS; hence the need to create and/or update library policies. Virtual reality tour of the new building is ready to go and will be publicly available starting August 1. Collaboration with Penn Medicine is moving forward. Chris’s goal is to have the new building funding completed by the end of the year; worried about running an operating budget campaign to support programming running simultaneously with a capital campaign next year.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Executive (Jeff) - WSFS loan will be signed on Thursday. ARPA grant will read out in August or September. LSA grant sometime in the fall.

Finance (Lee) - June finances typical; nothing remarkable about revenues or expenses. Annual revenue is slightly ahead of budget, and expenses are on target.

New Building (Brad) - Steel framing essentially complete. August and September building activity will center on enclosing the building to make it weather tight by the end of September. Overall project is on schedule. Total project expense has not changed.

Capital Campaign (Collis) - Chris and Collis have not discussed Chris's goal of completing funding by the end of the year. Collis believes that it is feasible, but aggressive. Corporate sponsorship materials for Patti Labelle concert are now available and have been sent to trustees. Trustees are urged to consider who might be interested and to please send the materials to potentially interested contacts. Bowden crab fest coming up in August. Longwood dinner also in September. Inverbrook farms family event scheduled for the fall. Collis thanked Claire for hosting this event.

Personnel (Brenda) - Nothing to report.

DevCom (Jeff) - Kennett Arts Fest has 60 confirmed artists. Not aggressively pursuing sponsors at this time so as not to interfere with the Labelle concert.

Friends (Gail) - Shop 'n Dine ongoing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Michael, and seconded by Leah. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Majarian, Secretary