Newtown Public Library  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
February 19, 2019  

Present: Howard Walker, Erica Danowitz, Anthony Maalouf, and Kathy Erickson  
Excused: Arlene Caruso  
Guests: Arie Cappuccio and TV ODonnell  

CALL TO ORDER:  
Howard Walker, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newtown Public Library to order at 7:15 pm on February 19, 2019.  

Approval of the Agenda – approved  
Approval of the Minutes from the December 20, 2018 meeting – approved  

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:  
Arie Cappuccio and Vinnie ODonnell were introduced to the Board as potential new members. They both gave brief summaries of their backgrounds as well as an explanation of their interest in serving on the Board.  
Ms. Cappuccio and Mr. ODonnell were excused from the room. The Board voted unanimously to invite both of the candidates to join the Board and extend welcome and congratulations to both individuals.  

REPORTS  
Treasurer’s Report – Tabled. No report at this time  

DIRECTORS REPORT  

- Please see the Library Director’s Report for January/February  
- Circulation – December circulation was down compared to November but higher than last December. In January, circulation was up compared to December and also up compared to last January. Total circulation in 2018 was relatively flat when compared to 2017.  
- New Library cards: 27 in December; 52 in January. Best January since before 2014!  
- Public computer use – 279 sessions in December; 320 sessions in January  
- WiFi sessions – 6238 (up by 49%)  
- Youth Services was active, as usual, with activities such as preschool mandarin, coding capers, yoga, science and dance for pre-schoolers.  
- The library will again participate in Longwood Gardens Community Read.  
- Four of our staff members attended training on LibCal, a county-wide library calendar software.  
- The county is offering an online language learning program called Pronunciator.  
- Arlene and Matthew attended a presentation focused on the new integrated library system, Sierra.  
- New employee, Rayna Whitright began her employment with us on 2/19/2019. The Board of Trustees extends a warm welcome.
Friends of the Library Liaison Report – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS
Appointment of Board Officers. The following officers were approved by the Board:
President – Howard Walker
Vice President – Erica Danowitz
Treasurer – Open
Secretary – Kathy Erickson

Volunteer Lunch - April 11, 2019
Credit Card Memo – tabled
Employee Handbook – Erica will re-send this document
Strategic Plan focus group sessions, run by the Delaware County Libraries Association, will be held at the Ridley Township Library on March 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm for trustees.

OLD BUSINESS
New Banking Arrangements – Library Accounts will now be at TD Bank.
Board Comments – no additional comments
Public Comments – no comments

Next Meeting – March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.