

Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Manhasset Public Library
March 11, 2024

*Held at the Library in the Lower Level meeting room on Monday, March 11, 2024.
Session called to order at 6:20 pm*

Attendance

Board Members:

Charles Jettmar, President
Judith Esterquest, Vice President
Donald T. O'Brien, Financial Officer
Gloria Su, Trustee
William Hannan, Trustee – arrived 6:40 pm

Maggie Gough, Director
Maria Mignano, Assistant Director
Stephanie Catlett, Secretary to the Board
Diane Klein, Trustee Candidate

Minutes from previous session

Motion by Judith Esterquest, seconded by Gloria Su to accept the Minutes, dated February 14, 2024.

Yes – Jettmar, Esterquest, O'Brien, Su
No – none

Financials, Reports and Vouchers

The Trustees reviewed and accepted Michael Tomicich's Treasurer's Report of March 1, 2024. The vouchers listed below were audited by the Board of Trustees of the Manhasset Public Library on March 11, 2024 and are allowed in the amounts shown.

Voucher #870	2/15/24	Payroll	\$ 82,678.22
Voucher #871	2/29/24	Payroll	\$ 82,720.31
Claims Warrant	2/29/24	A-Fund/General Operating	\$ 46,697.34

Linda Palmieri has been hereby authorized and directed to pay to each of the claimants.

Motion made by Donald T. O'Brien, seconded by Charles Jettmar, to approve Vouchers in the amounts listed.

RESOLVED, that the Board ratifies and confirms the vouchers as stated.

Yes – Jettmar, Esterquest, O'Brien, Su

No – none

Director's Report – Director answered all questions regarding her report.

Budget Vote and Trustee Election Update

We have two confirmed candidates for the 2024-2029 Trustee position – Diane Klein and Jerry Moy. Based on the Trustee nominating results, the ballot template has been prepared and submitted to the Nassau County Board of Elections. The Board of Elections will supply the final ballot version to be used for both the absentee ballot and the April 16th election. We will use paper ballots for the voting process.

- The Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm.
- A "Meet the Candidate" night, moderated by the League of Women Voters, will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm.
- The Budget Vote and Trustee Election is on Tuesday, April 16th from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm.

We have completed the 2024 Annual Newsletter, which will be sent to the printer for distribution prior to the April 2th Annual Budget Hearing.

Annual Report 2024

The Library operated in accordance with all provisions of Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner, and the Trustees assure that the "Annual Report" was reviewed and accepted by the Library Board.

Motion made by Charles Jettmar, seconded by Donald T. O'Brien to ratify the statement above.

Yes – Jettmar, Esterquest, O'Brien, Su, Hannan

Telephone System

Our current carrier, Windstream Technologies, is no longer supporting our telephone lines. To avoid exorbitant fees, our only option is product conversion that will enable us to migrate off

aging technology. We have reached out to our IT support, OSI Technologies and NLS, for assistance.

After discussion, the Trustees instructed the Director to reach out to Keith Callahan, FPM for additional information regarding building wiring. The Director will also contact Christopher Pryor, Esq. to review any contracts.

Librarians on the Front Lines

Discussion of issues based on reports of Librarians finding themselves on the frontline of America's homelessness, migrant opioid and culture war crises.

The Trustees support the Library staff and realize the issues employees encounter in public-facing jobs. They support continued training in how to deal with difficult situations and stress.

The date for the next Board Meeting and Annual Budget Hearing is Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Motion to end the meeting made by William Hannan and seconded by Judith Esterquest at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Catlett, Secretary to the Board