

**WHARTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
March 19th, 2024  
(Prepared by Colleen Pascale, Secretary)**

**7:00 Monthly meeting called to order by Michele Howe**

**Roll Call:** Present: Ana Jones, Deb DiMattio, Michele Howe, Leonor Vasquez, Colleen Pascale, Gale Frankel, Virginia Halprin. Not Present: Christopher Roman

**Pledge of Allegiance** In compliance with Open Public Meetings Act: This meeting is being held in conformity to the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Proper public notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Ledger on the library's website, and social media pages.

7:18 Approval of January meeting minutes • Motion – Michele Howe, second - Leonor Vasquez

**Financial Report:**

- Payment of Bills - Totaled \$5,666.74

**President's Report:**

- Friends of the Library – There was a February Friends of the Library meeting on February 27, 2024. Michelle Howe was named President of the Board. There will be plans for a gala/fundraiser tentatively scheduled for June.
- Budget Alignment Meeting—On March 5, Virginia and Michelle Howe met with Joe Kovalcik and Chief David Young in Town Hall to review the budget amount. Topics discussed were the cost of town services, training of personnel software, and reporting deadlines for the state.

**Library Director's Report:**

- MAKO installed new AC filters and fixed the AC from perpetually running. service.
- Dan O'Leary, Optimum Account Sales Rep, agreed to credit us for the botched installation.
- The town fixed the buckled siding on the eve of the roof.
- Staff member returned from light duty. The effective start date to return to work is April 1st.
- The State Annual Survey was completed.
- Changing the after-school game club to Tuesdays so children can wait inside the library
- The children's yoga class was successful.
- Our meditation instructor, Kevin Quo, agreed to continue his weekly program for free!
- More virtual lectures acquisition –

- Spring Cleaning - March 21st,
- Women of the French Revolution(Women's History Month) March 25th.
- A virtual visit to Palermo on April 6th,
- Dorothea Lange April 29th,
- Napoleon: Son of the Revolution May 1st
- Napoleon: Devil's Favorite on May 1st.
- Seeking Ideas to increase children's book circulation
- Created a draft budget for 2024.

### **Public Portion**

- None

### **Correspondence**

- None

### **Old Business:**

- None

### **New Business**

- Conduct a special meeting to discuss budget when the requested paperwork is available

Motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM: motion - Colleen Pascale seconded - Ana Jones