

**Milford Public Library  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
May 4, 2022**

Board President, Mrs. Wanosky called the virtual meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:33 p.m., May 4, 2022.

**Present**

Mrs. Wanosky  
Mrs. Kemp  
Mrs. Zabinski  
Mrs. Piselli  
Ms. Uchaczyk  
Mr. Smith  
Ms. Carroll  
Ms. Angeli  
Ms. Pilla

**Excused**

Mrs. Creedon  
Mrs. Oliver

**Absent**

Mr. Marlow  
Mr. Broesder

**Public Presentation:** None.

**Disposition of Minutes:** Motion to accept the minutes, as printed, from March 2, 2022. Moved and seconded by Mrs. Kemp, Mr. Smith. Motion passed.

**Secretary's Report:** None. Ms. Angeli made two announcements: (1) A thank-you card was received from Mr. Frank Smith for the book donation, *Political Theater*, in his name. (2) ACLB sent a user experience survey. She will scan and email to the board. Completed surveys are due on June 1; please return to Ms. Angeli the week of May 23.

**Treasurer's Report:** None. Ms. Angeli noted that more than half of CT public libraries are now fine free. This is a topic for future discussion.

**President's Report (Current News):** None.

**Policy Committee:** None. No meeting was held in April. Now that staff input has been obtained, the Room Use policy is ready to be finalized. A meeting will be scheduled.

**Buildings & Grounds Committee:** No meeting was held in April. Ms. Angeli will reach out to Mr. Maroney regarding any news on the Shipyard Lane project, regardless, the patio work can proceed. Public Works has completed a lot of jobs on the committees' list; the list will be updated and emailed to the board. Mrs. Wanosky will schedule an in-person meeting, prior to June 15.

**Donor Recognition Committee:** The vendor submitted a digitized mockup of the donor recognition. Ms. Angeli will request a physical one.

- Which location does the library staff prefer...The stairwell

**Director's Report/Statistics/Strategic Plan:** Ms. Angeli read her May report and added:

- Assistant Director, Ms. Nancy Abbey, has announced her retirement as of June 29. It is a union position that will be advertised and open to the public.

○ *Will board meetings return to in-person or Hybrid...* Discussion tabled until the June 1 meeting

Strategic Plan – Ms. Angeli received feedback, made changes, and emailed the survey to the board. Please send any comments to her. An intro paragraph will be added; the board will be notified when its sent.

**Friends of the Library Report:** Ms. Pilla reported the FOML held their annual meeting, in person, on March 27. Three new board members were elected; all were new to FOML. The Bauble, Bangles & Beads Bazaar will be held on May 7. Additionally, a pop-up book sale has been scheduled for June 18.

### **New Business:**

Act S.B. 131 – The CT State Library is pushing forward Act S.B. 131 to require publishers of electronic books to license such books to public libraries on reasonable terms. The cost for libraries to obtain an eBook license is twice what it costs to purchase a hardcover copy of the same resource (plus platform fees). Also, these licenses often expire after a set period or number of uses. Ms. Angeli will send additional information on this Act upon request.

MAC Public Reception – As part of the official unveiling of the “Welcome to the Bench” art installation, The MAC would like to host an evening event at MPL. Mrs. Zabinski made a motion to allow alcoholic beverages to be served. Seconded by Mrs. Uchaczyk; motion passed.

Book Donation/Donor Recognition – A motion was made and seconded, Mrs. Zabinski, Ms. Uchaczyk, that we donate a book in Mr. Ray Oliver’s memory. Motion passed. Ms. Angeli to investigate. Also, a suggestion to include Mr. Oliver in donor recognition, once it is installed.

### **Old Business:**

Presentations to the Board - Ms. Angeli will contact both Mr. Maroney (Founder’s Walk) and Mr. Cohen, Creative Library Concepts (furniture) about speaking to the board

Director Review Process – The evaluation has been rescheduled for July.

Furniture Purchase - Ms. Angeli requested funds for two replacement desks for Reference, and one for YA. The furniture will be paid from the balance of funds previously approved by the board (1/8/20). Mrs. Uchaczyk made a motion to approve up to \$20,000 from Fund 76 – Fines & Fees. It was seconded by Mrs. Kemp; motion carried.

**Motion to adjourn:** 8:40 p.m. Moved and seconded by Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Zabinski. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Thomas  
Board Clerk