

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2020

Call to Order at 1:05 pm by President Lynn Skolnick remotely via BlueJeans. Participating via BlueJeans were: Connie Keller, Steve Sharoff, Steve White, Sari Rosenheck, Marvin Rappaport, Marcia Raponi and Mary Paige Lang-Clouse.

This was a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to discuss Covid-19 & Plans to Re-Open. The BOT had before it the attached draft with details of the multi-staged plan Mary Paige worked out with guidance from RCLS and in collaboration with the 47 member libraries. BOT made recommendations and suggestions for minor edits to this detailed plan.

Among items discussed were:

- Patrons to wear masks at all times or no entrance permitted and social distancing while waiting to get into library (at appropriate stage).
- No fines until further notice.
- Disinfect rather than wipe down surfaces after use.
- Use side door only for ingress and egress, with its electric door opening features. No use of Broadway doors until further notice.
- Consider the Norris Community Room for limited numbers of patrons to use computers spaced accordingly, with social distancing, etc.
- Consider whether water fountain should be restricted until further notice.
- Quarantine of books set for 7 days - subject to change if data to support a shorter period emerges.
- How many bathrooms to open and how to deal with cleaning them between use to be decided.
- Mary Paige to flesh out certain issues, such as how many staff to assign upstairs, etc.
- Whether priority should be given to our home patrons for popular books.
- Easing up on criteria for home delivery. SUPLA received grants to assist with postage from Senator Metzger and Assemblywoman Gunther.

Motion by Steve White; seconded by Steve Sharoff to eliminate seasonal cards this year due to the need to limit the number of people using the library at any one time. Adopted by 5-2 vote.

Board approved allowing additional staff members to return to work on limited basis with Mary Paige, respecting social distancing and wearing mask and gloves, etc.

Lynn reported that in a one year period the EBCPL had 18,000 books taken out and RCLS had 1.4 million books taken out through inter-library loans.

Adjournment motion by Marvin, seconded by Sari at 2:38 pm. Motion carried

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 4:30 pm.