

Notes from Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2020
Meeting held virtually on GoToMeeting.com

** Present were Ann Minski, Dan Weiss, Mary Everson, Carol Campell, and Phillip Yap. Absent were Pat Plante, Jane Frost, Kara Ascitutto, Jason Hagman, Kathleen Smythe, and Jeff Banks, borough council liaison. Due to the lack of a quorum, Ann Minski, Board President, was unable to call to order this meeting of the Fanwood Memorial Library Board of Trustees. However, some updates and issues were discussed. The following notes were made by Mary Everson.**

- Scotch Plains Library has begun a partial re-opening, with continued contact-free pick-ups, patrons allowed a 30 minute one time per day visit for browsing and by appointment.
- Update on how FML is doing –
 - Need more supplies and protective items for the staff
 - Union County is offering a half a million dollar Library Covid Relief Grant worth \$1. per capita. The town would need to apply for. The due date for submitting an application for this is September 28, 2020.
 - Libraries in Westfield, Summit, Elizabeth, and Maplewood are open but in fairly restricted ways. May have computer time for 30 minutes per day.
 - Needs for FML to re-open –
 - ✓ At least one additional staff person; cost would be \$5000-6000 through December, 2020; Dan has discussed this with Fred.
 - ✓ Hours would need to be expanded – add hours from 2-5 on most days; then, could offer expanded services such as 30 minute sessions by appointment for up to 5 people (and some children) at a time.
 - ✓ Supplies needed: wipes, spray, hand sanitizer – Pat has ordered some. Discussion about getting an electric static cleaner
 - ✓ Dan will need to discuss these costs with the borough
 - ✓ Ann suggested we look into what equipment and services other libraries are using for cleaning
 - Dan and Kathleen spoke about this as a difficult time to for a fund-raising campaign
 - Rotary might be open to “holding” money/contributions for us
 - Susan Neuhaus sent revised logos
 - Carol spoke about the Friends work – Collecting books for children; wanting to collect books for adults; things are pretty flat with the Friends; there is an upcoming meeting
 - Dan – RB Digital now owned by Overdrive platform; magazines and videos with stay with Acorn Quello; all needs to be edited