

Wilmington Public Library  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
January 17, 2022

Roll call and establishment of quorum

Present: Elena Testa, Kathy Ryan, KarenAnn Caldwell, Joan Taraskiewicz, Rebecca Cartabiano, Hope Gove and Debra Linares (co-directors) absent: Joy Wrona

**Call to order** 7:05 pm.

A quorum was established.

This meeting was held online via ZOOM.

**Order of Business:** Karen made a motion to move the election of the Vice Chair to the end of the meeting. Elena seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes:** Joan apologized to the Co-directors for continuing to use "interim co-directors" in the December minutes. She also apologized to Hope for misspelling her name.  
Motion to accept the December minutes.  
Joan made the motion, Elena seconded.  
Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance: 152,490.08

Ending Balance: 139,026.31

These expenditures are consistent with the budget to date.

**Old Business:**

Joan made a motion to table the items that do not pertain to this budget to the end of the meeting or until the next meeting, depending upon time constraints. KarenAnn seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor except Elena who voted nay.

**New Business:**

Budget discussion: the items were discussed one by one with justification for each expenditure.

Personnel:

The salaries were increased to be more in line with minimum wage increases. The overall increase for this section was 24%. Increases in the other sections of the budget range from 8% to 9%.

A discussion concerning the line item for custodial services: at this point, the cleaning is done by some staff after their normal working hours (on a volunteer basis). This service is paid at a different rate than their regular position.

The board learned that some items in the budget may be reduced or perhaps eliminated and the funds for them may come from other sources.

Facilities : line items were calculated using average expenses this year. Some items, however, are set by the vendor and cannot be changed.

Materials: Books are more easily sanitized after use than magazines or newspapers. Elena suggested that we consider offering the online version of the newspapers instead. The directors will look into this.

Overall, at this point, the total WPL budget for 2022-2023 is \$244,589.00 This is an increase of 8.7% over the 2021-2022 budget.

The budget was then sent back to the treasurer, co-directors, and the Chairman for final evaluation. It will be voted on in the next meeting.

Adjournment: move to adjourn: Joan Seconded: Kathy . Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
JoAnne Taraskiewicz  
Secretary