

**MINUTES OF THE BERNARDSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MEETING OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
August 19, 2025**

ATTENDANCE: John Bertoni, Mary Jane Canose, Joan Contess, Amy DeMilt, Anita Gandhi, Mark Krook and Robert Re were present. Mary Fran Daley, Executive Director of the Library was in attendance as well as Patrice Cummings, Chair of the Bernardsville Library Foundation. Mimi Brown, the Library Bookkeeper, was also in attendance.

**Absent:** Brian Brotschul, Nancy Verduin

President Bertoni called the Board of Trustees ("Board") meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and read the Open Meeting Notice as follows:

**Notice of Meeting:**

- In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act (c.231, P.L. 1975), written notice of this regular meeting has been sent to the following newspapers: The Bernardsville News and The Daily Record. Written notice has also been sent to the Borough Clerk and posted on the library's website.
- The agenda and documents to be discussed at this meeting are available for review in advance of today's meeting on the [Library's website](#), and at the Library's circulation desk during regular library hours.
- Members of the public are invited to comment either during the public comment period of the meeting or by submitting written or emailed comments in advance of the meeting. All commenters should identify themselves by name and street address and limit their comments to three minutes.

**Regular Session Meeting Minutes**

**President Bertoni called the regular board meeting to order at 5:30pm**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Contess moved to approve the treasurers' report and the new bills to be paid as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Krook, which was then passed by unanimous roll call vote. Resolution to Act Upon Bills 2025-3 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Policy:** The Policy committee is updating the policy for the community room due to the new spaces available upon the remodel. The current policy has a permissive out-of-town reservation policy, and the committee is working on making the user policy more restrictive for reservations by limiting it to Bernardsville residents and Bernardsville non-profits and updating the cancellation policy for the community room. These changes discussed are comparable to other libraries.

### **Public Comments:**

Ms. Cummings provided an update on the Foundation. The Foundation achieved \$1M in assets. The Gratitude Event is planned for November 15 at 3-5pm in conjunction with the Friends. The invitation will be sent to 150 donors. Ms. Cummings has resigned her position as chair of the Foundation, as of the end of the year but she could stay on as an advisor by Zoom if needed.

The Public Session adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Anita K Gandhi  
Secretary  
Bernardsville Library Trustees