

**DEERFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 17, 2018**

1. ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER

Treasurer Seth Schriftman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room, 920 Waukegan Road, Deerfield, IL.

Present Board Members: Seth Schriftman – Treasurer, Ken Abosch – President, Maureen Wener – Secretary, Mike Goldberg, Howard Handler, Luisa Ellenbogen

Staff: Amy Falasz-Peterson, Library Director, Kelly DeCorrevont, Business Manager.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD & CORRESPONDENCE

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. September 27, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting (ACTION)

MOTION: Mr. Ken Abosch made a motion to approve the September 27, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes with added language 'that', seconded by Mr. Schriftman.

5 Yes: Seth Schriftman, Ken Abosch, Maureen Wener, Howard Handler, Luisa Ellenbogen.  
The motion was approved.

A. September 5, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting (ACTION)

Mr. Schriftman reminded the Committee members and guests to treat each other respectfully and then asked the Committee members for their opinion.

Ms. Wener asked for additional language to be added to the minutes. Ms. Ellenbogen stated that her preference is to remove the profanity language and come to a reconciliation to move forward. Mr. Handler stated that he would like the language removed as no context is provided. Mr. Schriftman stated he was taken aback by the language used during the meeting that he doesn't recall much else. Mr. Abosch stated that he has been on the board for a very long time and is disappointed that this particular conversation had to happen. Mr. Abosch stated that he doesn't have a problem with the way the minutes of the board and committee meetings are recorded. The best resolution is to find a way to move on and ensure this doesn't happen in the future.

Ms. Wener stated that there have been disagreements in the past among board members but it never ended up in name calling. Ms. Wener stated that there have been times that she has agreed with Mr. Handler. Ms. Wener also stated that she can be sarcastic at times. Finally, Ms.

Wener stated her belief that she felt strongly that the language be included in the minutes because it happened and it was memorable.

Mr. Handler stated he realized he had used inappropriate language and apologized for using the language. Mr. Handler also stated that he has served on a variety of different professional organizations and he has not used that language before and it is not a reflection of who he is as a person.

Mr. Bill Seiden arrived at 6:28 p.m.

Mr. Schriftman allowed Mr. Goldberg to state his opinion. Mr. Goldberg stated that his opinion is that the minutes should be a summary of the discussion. Mr. Handler replied he had called Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Goldberg hadn't responded. Mr. Goldberg asked to update his telephone number. Mr. Handler said he disagreed with Mr. Goldberg's interpretation.

Mr. Schriftman brought the discussion back to the minutes. Mr. Abosch requested that we add some language to the September 5, 2018 minutes. He suggested the following sentences: Mr. Schriftman reiterated that it is the obligation of the Board to act with professionalism and respect. Mr. Schriftman asked for the meeting to be adjourned.

Mr. Schriftman asked Mr. Handler if there was any other information that should be included in the minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Schriftman made a motion to approve the September 5, 2018 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes with the additional language, seconded by Ms. Wener.

4 Yes: Seth Schriftman, Ken Abosch, Maureen Wener, Luisa Ellenbogen.

1 No: Howard Handler

The motion was approved.

4. OTHER

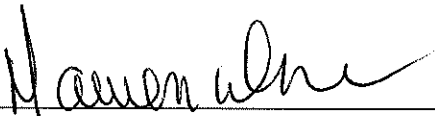
None

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:41 p.m., Mr. Schriftman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Wener.

5 Yes: Seth Schriftman, Ken Abosch, Maureen Wener, Howard Handler, Luisa Ellenbogen.

The motion was approved.

  
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Maureen Wener, Secretary