

Eric Sharrin:

I'd like to call this meeting to order. It is 7:19 and let's stand, if you can, to pledge allegiance. That way. [inaudible 00:04:14] Three times. That's it. [crosstalk 00:04:14]

Group:

I pledge allegiance to the flag [crosstalk 00:04:14] of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

William Morris:

Sometimes [inaudible 00:04:14]

Eric Sharrin:

Okay. So, [inaudible 00:04:14] to the public. Do we have any public comments at this moment?

Eugenia Schatoff:

Not at this time.

Eric Sharrin:

Okay. No public comments at this time. In that case, I'll go to the next item on the agenda, the minutes of the meeting, April 26. Everybody read that? Does anybody have any comments or changes?

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

Is this all okay? The minutes for the April 26 meeting?

William Morris:

The April 26 looks fine to me.

Eric Sharrin:

Irene?

Irene D'Anna:

Yes. I [crosstalk 00:05:23]

Eric Sharrin:

I tell you what. Let's make a motion to pass the minutes of the meeting. Donna was not at this one.

William Morris:

[inaudible 00:05:30]

Eric Sharrin:

We have a motion.

Michael McCue:

Second.

Eric Sharrin:

All in favor.

Group:

Aye.

Eric Sharrin:

None opposed. [inaudible 00:05:41] and now we need the minutes for May 10. [crosstalk 00:05:55]

Irene D'Anna:

That's okay. I'll [crosstalk 00:06:03]

Eric Sharrin:

I appreciate everybody signing this note, which is located in the minutes of May 10.

Irene D'Anna:

I'm okay with it. I don't see anything.

William Morris:

The only thing I wasn't okay with, the preamble needs to be changed. The public was allowed [inaudible 00:06:30].

Eric Sharrin:

You mean the executive order of [inaudible 00:06:31].

Wendy Courtney:

I'll change the wording of the preamble to indicate [inaudible 00:06:37].

Eric Sharrin:

Okay.

Wendy Courtney:

But we still held [inaudible 00:06:39].

William Morris:

Yes, but they were allowed if they wanted to.

Wendy Courtney:

Right.

Eric Sharrin:

Yes. Okay. So, any other changes to this? None? I'd like a motion [crosstalk 00:06:54]

Donna Warren:

I'll make a motion.

Eric Sharrin:

That's corrected. So, Donna has made a motion. Bill has seconded. All in favor.

Group:

Aye.

Eric Sharrin:

All opposed? [inaudible 00:07:01] All right, the next topic on the agenda is the Treasury Report [inaudible 00:07:01]. Hold on one second. Let me give you the mic.

Magda Parvaescu:

I don't need it.

Eric Sharrin:

Yes, you do.

Magda Parvaescu:

Thank you. So [inaudible 00:07:02] besides what was in the Treasurer's Report, I covered almost everything. But I noticed that the payment of July until April, we've got more money for the [inaudible 00:07:50]. The budget is 26,000. We got 41,415, which is not on the report and probably skipped someone's attention. The rest [inaudible 00:08:03] I put it in notes in the report. The library [inaudible 00:08:10] about insurance payment. We received it on May 12 from the New York State Department of Labor 25,430. And everything is covered in the report. There's not much to bring to your attention except that the [inaudible 00:08:35] as of April 30 [inaudible 00:08:39] almost 7% that is [inaudible 00:08:49]. We probably don't use the money that we budgeted but we [inaudible 00:08:58] for construction and [inaudible 00:09:01]. That's all.

William Morris:

What the genesis of Utica National Insurance dividend is?

Magda Parvaescu:

[inaudible 00:09:10]

William Morris:

Is that because it's mutual insurance? I'm just inquiring as to why we got the 2600 from Utica. Is that a mutual insurance company? Why did we get the money back? Were they [crosstalk 00:09:29] our worker's comp carrier?

Debra McDermott:

Yeah. We don't [crosstalk 00:09:30]

William Morris:

It says, "dividend."

Debra McDermott:

Yeah. It's only that if we don't have any claims, we get that back.

William Morris:

Okay, so it's a good bribe, discount.

Debra McDermott:

Exactly. That's a good way of saying.

Eric Sharrin:

Good. It's always good to be [inaudible 00:10:00]. Anybody have any other questions on the Treasury Report?

Donna Warren:

I just wanted to say. Sorry. [crosstalk 00:10:06] This is a question about the maintenance [inaudible 00:10:10]. That's much higher than we've been seeing. I [inaudible 00:10:14] 10,000 typically-

Donna Warren:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

Yeah, it's the wifi. I usually use the hotspot on my iPad and the wifi [inaudible 00:11:49]. Sorry, Donna. Your comment is [crosstalk 00:11:49]

Irene D'Anna:

... do you want me to just repeat?

Eugenia Schatoff:

I just moved that to a different to another. I moved that from one to the other [crosstalk 00:11:57]

Eric Sharrin:

Okay.

Eugenia Schatoff:

So we missed Donna's comment.

Eric Sharrin:

Donna is [crosstalk 00:12:02] that we're spending so much money on this to care. And then we're throwing it out the window, basically. But, I commented that, unfortunately, there's really nothing we can do to fix everything. We'd almost go for a referendum just for that, to borrow money to spend whatever it costs, one million or a million and a half to fix the Holy See, which doesn't make sense if we're about to take the building down. If we're going to do that or we [inaudible 00:12:34] building in any way, you don't want to put AC in and then you have to remove it to put in new AC. So good money bad. So it was a necessary expense. Unfortunately.

Donna Warren:

Yeah. I would also say-

Donna Warren:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

Good, good, very good.

Donna Warren:

[inaudible 00:13:12] I just wanted to note that it's a lot more that we're seeing before. Sorry. [crosstalk 00:13:30] I just wanted to note that there's a lot more that we're seeing before it. There's no [inaudible 00:13:31] it allows us to continue to run for the time-

Donna Warren:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 00:13:58] because the library is closed then [inaudible 00:14:10] of what we just spoke about [inaudible 00:14:14] living in the 1700s [inaudible 00:14:19] we're not prepared to work like they did back then. And we'll close them. Anyway, I reviewed them. Nothing really looked too out of sync with what they usually look like. Nothing jumped at me. Even though we had some extra costs but once again, nothing really makes sense. The only thing I will say about that is that LinkedIn-

Donna Warren:

I was just going to ask you about that.

Eric Sharrin:

So LinkedIn is I think, if I'm correct, LinkedIn is Lynda, L-Y-N-D-A. [crosstalk 00:15:04]

Wendy Courtney:

Became LinkedIn Learning.

Eric Sharrin:

Became LinkedIn Learning. And what think is, is we're paying 4500, and that's not a month. That's a year?

Debra McDermott:

That's for the year. Correct.

Eric Sharrin:

For the year. So we're paying \$400, a little less. 375 a month. What this allows is every single library card holder to go on and take all these courses through LinkedIn Learning that would regularly cost anywhere from 19.95 to 199.95. [inaudible 00:15:34] this is a benefit we are giving to the community. It's our tax dollars.

Donna Warren:

What kind of programs are on it?

Eric Sharrin:

You can do anything from time management. You can take a computer program.

Donna Warren:

Microsoft Word.

Eric Sharrin:

Microsoft Word, Excel, JavaScript, HTML. You could do on how to print notes. You could do public speaking, business courses. [crosstalk 00:15:58] It's hundreds upon hundreds of courses that-

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 00:15:58]

Donna Warren:

Are we gonna advertise that in the letter?

Eric Sharrin:

The question is, "Are we going to advertise this in the newsletter?"

Eugenia Schatoff:

We have in the past. We certainly can again.

Irene D'Anna:

It's a very large cost and if people don't know, maybe we should do a list. Oh, I'm sorry.

Eric Sharrin:

That's okay.

Irene D'Anna:

Hi. So, maybe we could list some of the top courses that are popular in our community or that people could benefit from or maybe popularity has been this thing so that way, maybe we could even schedule the times that we could say, "Okay. You can have a computer in the library to do this." Because I feel like we're paying a lot of money and people don't know this. It's not like a very popular-

Irene D'Anna:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 00:17:45] What am I listening for. I don't use it. But it's got so much information out there. It has a lot more than when we started.

William Morris:

[inaudible 00:17:59]

Eugenia Schatoff:

We do have other program series called library [inaudible 00:18:05] this month. And so we had live courses [inaudible 00:18:11] and all staff [inaudible 00:18:14].

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 00:18:17] you got to make time [crosstalk 00:18:21] participate-

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 00:18:44] every once in a while, I'd like to see those bills, just to see what they look like because sometimes bills [inaudible 00:18:53]. Besides that, I really didn't find anything. Did anybody else find anything that caught their attention that they'd like to discuss regarding the [inaudible 00:19:05] or the spreadsheet, the financial report?

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

If there are no further discussions to be had on the financial report or the arts, I'll make a motion to accept the list of arts. And [inaudible 00:19:53] has seconded. All in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Eric Sharrin:

None opposed. None abstained. Thank you all. Let's move on to fiscal reports. These are important. [inaudible 00:20:09] The people who are using the library. What the programs are [inaudible 00:20:16]. So, we start to actually see that. The last month we had a year-to-year comparison [inaudible 00:20:49] month. April is just everything was closed.

Eugenia Schatoff:

[inaudible 00:20:55]

Eric Sharrin:

Yeah. Actually, anything plan zero is still zero. So, theoretically there was no injuries, taking math into account. So, now that we're open, it could almost be, if I may say, two years ago as opposed to last year because last year was the final year. [inaudible 00:21:56]

William Morris:

So, Harriet Tubman-

William Morris:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

... programs and partners that we have. So, we're very pleased to see the turnout for that. I also wanted to point... So, that was 2021. I also wanted to point out, we have [inaudible 00:22:09] library special set up is really targeted focus local history program and so, leisure and past time to [inaudible 00:22:21] had over [inaudible 00:22:24]

Donna Warren:

Wow.

Eugenia Schatoff:

... these are doing really, really well.

Donna Warren:

That's nice to hear. I bet it's... It's outside, right? People can meet outside for that?

Eugenia Schatoff:

No, this is all-

Eugenia Schatoff:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

[crosstalk 00:22:56]

Michael McCue:

It's over on Facebook.

Eugenia Schatoff:

Yeah, we Facebook Live that actually. [crosstalk 00:23:05]

William Morris:

I need the exercise.

Eugenia Schatoff:

Yeah, you do.

Eric Sharrin:

You could get on your treadmill and look at Facebook on your treadmill. [crosstalk 00:23:13]

William Morris:

And, also, I like the Technology Club-

William Morris:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 00:23:14] any questions or comments on the statistics? [crosstalk 00:23:14]

William Morris:

I'm surprised they're doing so well. It's good.

Eric Sharrin:

And thank you to everybody who's running these programs. If we didn't have those facilitators, we wouldn't have programs. Doing your job, getting people coming out to these programs, so that's really very nice. Thank you. Okay, next is the Director's Report.

Eugenia Schatoff:

So, this Director's Report comes on the heels of us being closed for five days. And that was necessitated by repair work that was being done to the air vent, as well as the chiller install that we had. So, that was definitely very difficult for us. We want to be open. We want to be serving the public, and to not be able to and notify the public of that, there was a lot of feedback that was positive and negative.

Eugenia Schatoff:

Some people were happy with the level of [inaudible 00:25:11] and the level of detail that was provided about the reasons for us being closed. We sent an email blast and things like that. A lot of positive

feedback on that. We also received some negative feedback. One patron stated, "Why can't you just open all the windows?"

Eugenia Schatoff:

It demonstrates the lack of understanding that some members of the public have as to the dire situation of the mechanicals of the building. So, as you can tell now, by the temperate climate we're sitting in, everything was successful. There were a few more repairs that were identified as well as leaks. So, we're getting estimates for those repairs. So this should-

Eugenia Schatoff:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

... things like that. [crosstalk 00:26:40]

Eric Sharrin:

Is that number correct? \$25?

Eugenia Schatoff:

For what? I'm sorry.

Eric Sharrin:

The next-

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

So, I did provide a report about the library, the advisory committees, ongoing, still meeting, still soliciting members. So, that's been successful thus far [inaudible 00:27:29] in their spare time to discuss the work of the committee. The one thing I did want to add, which is a topic of conversation, that if we just [inaudible 00:27:43] they wanted to discuss.

Eugenia Schatoff:

So, currently as it, we're still abiding by a mask mandate in the building. So, there's several reasons for that. In terms of requiring masks within the building, we have two different populations that we have to consider. So, we have to consider staff protocols and then we have to consider public engagement protocols. We also have to consider the fact that all of these guidelines that came down, came down without any sort of implementation information.

Eugenia Schatoff:

And so, in terms of how different businesses are handling it, how different libraries are handling it, we're all looking to our local community to figure out a way in which to move forward. At this time, the reason for requiring masks is, in my opinion, adopting a wait-and-see attitude. Certainly, we assess on a weekly

basis to see what is occurring. Certain questions have been raised such as, we serve many different age ranges. So, what do you in the children's room, for example. What do you do? Do you require staff to wear masks? Do you not require staff to wear masks? Do you inquire about vaccination status? Do you not inquire about vaccination status?

Eugenia Schatoff:

These are all issues that need to be investigated and decided upon before we make a decision as to how we're going to proceed. So, I know that Eric has questions about it so. Anybody want to discuss it?

Donna Warren:

It's something maybe we should discuss in one of our committee meetings maybe first and bring to everybody or do you want to discuss it here now?

Eric Sharrin:

I prefer not to have the committee meeting here. [crosstalk 00:29:57]

Donna Warren:

Right. That's what I'm saying.

Eric Sharrin:

... recommendations to that. Have discussion in the meetings.

William Morris:

What committee is that? [crosstalk 00:30:09]

Eric Sharrin:

... accommodation of buildings and grounds first.

Eugenia Schatoff:

So, as per the re-opening plan, the way that it stands now is, we're assessing this as part of the [inaudible 00:30:21] business. So, if this is something that needs to be decided, then maybe then the real plan is vetted through the Policy Committee.

Irene D'Anna:

Can we perhaps engage-

Irene D'Anna:

(silence)

Irene D'Anna:

So-

William Morris:

I think educational schools, I don't think are subject to the same booster. I think they're still required [inaudible 00:31:16].

Donna Warren:

Yeah, I believe so.

William Morris:

I don't think it's analogous. CDC didn't [inaudible 00:31:21] requirement. I think it's [inaudible 00:31:28].

Eric Sharrin:

New York City [inaudible 00:31:32].

William Morris:

That doesn't [inaudible 00:31:34].

Michael McCue:

Won't there be guidance-

Michael McCue:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

... in terms of being informed as to what this means to us and the way in which we operate. So, that's part of what we're [inaudible 00:32:01].

Michael McCue:

I know in the case of Rockland, that was-

Michael McCue:

(silence)

Michael McCue:

It's hard enough. This morning I go to Retro. They stopped requiring a mask if you're vaccinated. So, most of the people in there. And then I go down to get my coffee and they require the masks, which I left in the car. Life is confusing.

Michael McCue:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

Yeah, very confusing.

William Morris:

... masks-

William Morris:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

... really accustomed to not wearing masks. And then, we're the only ones still requiring it. So, it does require time sensitivity. [crosstalk 00:33:33]

William Morris:

I think that's part of Donna's and my-

William Morris:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

... and so the guidance for us is really limited because we're not a top priority. We're also a unique situation, the way in which anybody can come in off the street and we've got different age groups and all sorts of different stuff. So I think that acting in a timely manner while also not rushing to make a mistake.

Michael McCue:

I would just stress again maybe other matters, putting something at the doorway [inaudible 00:34:28] just explaining in a short paragraph why masks are still required. So, at least it's there. Who knows if they'll walk by it but try to knock down some of the flack that might [inaudible 00:34:48].

Eric Sharrin:

Anything else?

Eugenia Schatoff:

I don't have anything else.

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 00:34:48]

Eugenia Schatoff:

Does anybody have any questions about the Director's Report?

William Morris:

No, this is great. It always is. Exceptional detail.

Eugenia Schatoff:

I expressed thanks to Mike and Irene [inaudible 00:35:29] for all their help with the tours and running the pictures as well-

Eugenia Schatoff:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

... change their [inaudible 00:36:02].

Eugenia Schatoff:

I think that it's a balance of listening and collecting feedback and hearing what they have to say and their advice and their thoughts on the matter. I think-

Eugenia Schatoff:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 00:36:43] out there. He's advocated for us.

William Morris:

[inaudible 00:36:44]

Eric Sharrin:

If there are no other questions about the Director's Report, I'd like to move on to our next item on the agenda, which is some old business, library renewal project. And this is the resolution [inaudible 00:37:02] the Board of Education to [inaudible 00:37:09].

Eugenia Schatoff:

This should be familiar. Some of you guys have seen this. I want to say at this point, a similar resolution a number of times. This is the resolution that you'll be passing this evening, and once you pass it, it would then be sent to the district to present to [inaudible 00:37:41] and-

Eugenia Schatoff:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 00:38:08] resolution.

Eugenia Schatoff:

We have already read it-

Eugenia Schatoff:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

So, I'm going to read the panel. So, this is the resolution directing the [inaudible 00:38:42] board of education called the special district meetings of the school district voters to vote upon a proposition authorizing the financing and construction of Pearl River Library built-

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

... of May 2021. [crosstalk 00:38:58] Hold on. Hold on.

Irene D'Anna:

Can I read this? So [inaudible 00:39:44] 23 and a half million?

Eugenia Schatoff:

Correct. Because you, as a board, have no [inaudible 00:39:52]. So, the amount of the bond is in the school district's resolution.

Irene D'Anna:

Interesting.

Eugenia Schatoff:

Which is why it's imperative for us to make a contract with our attorneys so that when they're offering bonds they are [inaudible 00:40:11].

Irene D'Anna:

Okay, gotcha.

Eugenia Schatoff:

The power that you have as a board is in granting them the authority to call the vote and hold the vote.

Irene D'Anna:

Okay. All right. Now I'm educated.

Eric Sharrin:

This makes reference to all our past resolutions when we originally adopted. And just the one [inaudible 00:40:49] required the Board of Education to place the finance of the project before the school district [inaudible 00:40:49] meeting to be held on January 8, 2021. So, is that date correct there? As of January 25th. [crosstalk 00:40:49]

Wendy Courtney:

The date in this, if you look at page 2, "Now, therefore, be it resolved," you're calling the meeting to be on September 21.

Eric Sharrin:

I'm looking at two paragraphs above that, "Whereas on January 25th." Today's May 25th. [crosstalk 00:41:00]

William Morris:

... history of what happened before this.

Wendy Courtney:

Yes, we adopted a resolution on January-

Wendy Courtney:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

... education for the library just needs to get by-

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

... at the Pearl River Public Library, Franklin Avenue, Rockland County, New York. [inaudible 00:42:38] delegates to the library director the authority to establish the specialty meeting on September 29, 2021. Should it date other than September 21, 2021, you requested by the Board of Education that the [inaudible 00:42:58]. Be it firmly resolved that this resolution immediately, but first we need a motion. So, I'll make a motion to accept the-

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Eric Sharrin:

... resolution and put this on the calendar. As stated, [inaudible 00:43:50] the resolution. Do I have a second? Irene is seconding. And this one, you have the main thing that you're going to make notes [crosstalk 00:44:01]

Wendy Courtney:

Yes. I might actually have it. I can add your names into the actual letter. But, yes, I'm going to [inaudible 00:43:59].

Eric Sharrin:

We're going to do a roll call. I vote 'yes'. William Morris-

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

So, I have already been in contact with the school district's representatives, including members of the Board of Education, their [inaudible 00:44:52] business officer. So they were aware of the vote we're taking this evening. So, next steps will be a letter that will be co-authored by my attorney [inaudible 00:45:06] all of them. And then, once steps [inaudible 00:45:13].

Eric Sharrin:

Okay. And so [inaudible 00:45:28]. Thank you, all. Moving on to the next item on our agenda, the Committee Report. So, let's start with Building and Grounds. Hello [crosstalk 00:45:43]

Eric Sharrin:

(silence)

Michael McCue:

Again, I think the [inaudible 00:46:22] was cordial. There was just prior to the [inaudible 00:46:29] at the polls, but he stated that he would usher tonight's resolution through and have a date set for a vote [inaudible 00:46:48]. At the very least, we got a separate-

Michael McCue:

(silence)

Michael McCue:

[inaudible 00:47:17]

Donna Warren:

Not many.

Michael McCue:

Yeah.

Donna Warren:

It was closed.

Michael McCue:

It was close. So, we lost [inaudible 00:47:25] we had somebody at 6:00. No show. I, for one, am working on Dennis Troy [inaudible 00:47:33].

Eric Sharrin:

Yes.

Michael McCue:

[inaudible 00:47:36] from basketball. We see Dennis as a rep for the times. He's [inaudible 00:47:55]-

Michael McCue:

(silence)

Michael McCue:

... with Bob O'Reilly.

Irene D'Anna:

It's hilarious. [crosstalk 00:48:19]

Michael McCue:

You know Bob O'Reilly?

Irene D'Anna:

No. [crosstalk 00:48:21]

William Morris:

She [crosstalk 00:48:24]

Michael McCue:

Oh, that. [inaudible 00:48:28]

William Morris:

Yes.

Michael McCue:

Carmel is a-

Michael McCue:

(silence)

Michael McCue:

She must have some title at Town Hall.

Donna Warren:

Oh, she does.

William Morris:

Yeah, yeah.

Donna Warren:

I'm not familiar with her.

Michael McCue:

I don't know if it's special assistant or [crosstalk 00:49:36]

William Morris:

... she was promoted. It was a promotion.

Michael McCue:

Yeah. Economic [crosstalk 00:49:41] Club-

Michael McCue:

(silence)

Michael McCue:

I think that's the case for everybody. [inaudible 00:50:05] earlier, at least we've had these people who now know that they've been in the building. They understand that there's dire things wrong with the place. [crosstalk 00:50:13]

Donna Warren:

So they accept that [crosstalk 00:50:14] that they can give us advice on how to communicate with the public. They've already communicated to the public. And also to the extent say that they're going to join us at ShopRite to get our message across.

Eugenia Schatoff:

That's lovely. That's nice.

Donna Warren:

What we're getting is we're getting little [inaudible 00:50:38] by meetings these folks so that way we can spread the message to our community the old-fashioned way, right?

Michael McCue:

Yeah. We set up two dates on Saturdays in July so between board member and friends and interested members of the public, have our literature, grab people for a quick conversations, invite them for longer tours, just to get the message out there. Even the passersby will see us and understand that there's something up and think about it [inaudible 00:51:24]. That's something to look forward to. [inaudible 00:51:34] of the Emerald Wall Journals, which are impressive folks in their own right. Again, I looked through one page by page to try to get leads on business people for making money. [inaudible 00:51:59]

Irene D'Anna:

So, I didn't mention this before. Lucky's Tours, we're doing now is we're touring the key stakeholders that have been the advocates of our community and seeing is believing. So, all these people are coming to the tours, they get the idea that we've been trying to get along through other means. So, I think what we're going to be doing in the next three months is using these types of one-on-one conversations. We're going to find opportunities to have one-on-one conversations with our community. And I think that's really important to make sure that by the time that we get to the vote, that people are informed

and they actually see what the problem is and understand the positions that this board has done for the last two years and how we came to these conclusions.

Michael McCue:

Just a quick shout out to my colleague here [inaudible 00:53:13]. I think in the first session with Bruce Bob, the [inaudible 00:53:20] he challenged the library and the board about how we could let things get so bad. That's something that runs through conversations in the neighborhoods. I'm sure you can hear it [inaudible 00:53:40] in a polite way and just say, whatever happened then, this is where we are now. We've got to move forward. And I really think that, Steve, for one, was ready to move forward at the second [inaudible 00:53:59], food for thought and changes to [inaudible 00:54:06].

Eugenia Schatoff:

It's a team effort. Very nice. Actually, he even offered to help us find rental locations.

Donna Warren:

Yes.

Eugenia Schatoff:

[inaudible 00:54:16]

Michael McCue:

It's a long way.

Irene D'Anna:

I know. I know. [crosstalk 00:54:30] I think the one thing that was pretty evident with Bruce and others who toured, is that they're finally realizing it's not a question, is it a two-story library or one-story library. They're finally realizing, it's either a library or no library. And that is key. And nobody that we've ever talked to is willing to let the library go on our watch. And I think that's evident to every single person here and everybody who's done the tours. They get, it's library or no library. What we do, in the library, that we can have a few discussions on but people need to know that's what we're going to be voting on in September.

Eric Sharrin:

Thank you very much. There's nothing else from Buildings and Grounds. Policy?

Irene D'Anna:

Did not meet.

Eric Sharrin:

Did not meet. Finance?

Irene D'Anna:

Did not meet.

Eric Sharrin:

Personnel?

Irene D'Anna:

Personnel met.

Eric Sharrin:

Personnel. [crosstalk 00:55:45]

William Morris:

We did. We went over the new org chart [crosstalk 00:55:47]

Irene D'Anna:

Yes, sorry.

William Morris:

Talked about new hires and filling some of the vacancies. Had plans for future staffing and the staffing that's going to be needed to get back up to regular hours as fast as possible. That's it.

Donna Warren:

Thank you.

William Morris:

No, I know.

Donna Warren:

Having a private conversation. Yeah, nothing.

William Morris:

It was a quick meeting. We covered a lot of ground.

Eric Sharrin:

Next [inaudible 00:56:35] for personnel, we had resolutions with new hires.

Wendy Courtney:

You all got the email with the updated resolution which is has been updated. [crosstalk 00:56:48]

William Morris:

I just have the one that's in here.

Eric Sharrin:

When we were emailed?

William Morris:

Yesterday.

Wendy Courtney:

Yesterday.

Eric Sharrin:

I did not have a chance to check my email.

Wendy Courtney:

Just cross off the [crosstalk 00:57:00]

Eric Sharrin:

Oh, there it is. [crosstalk 00:57:01] hold on.

Donna Warren:

You should pass it [crosstalk 00:57:07]

Eugenia Schatoff:

... a pulley system.

William Morris:

The following resolution was approved by the board. [inaudible 00:57:20] 2021. "Resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pearl River Library approves the following, that Margaret [Enroch 00:57:31] be hired as a full-time librarian, [inaudible 00:57:35] young adult librarian [inaudible 00:57:36].

Irene D'Anna:

I make a motion.

William Morris:

I make a motion.

Donna Warren:

I second.

William Morris:

And Donna Warren second. [crosstalk 00:57:45]

Eric Sharrin:

Why don't you hold it?

William Morris:

Is there any discussion on this? Can we get a vote, please. All in favor.

Group:

Aye.

William Morris:

Any opposed? No? No objections.

Eric Sharrin:

Thank you. And now we have new business. Resolution, resolution, resolution. Literally. Are there any updates to these resolutions?

Wendy Courtney:

No.

Eric Sharrin:

No. So, the first resolution is to appoint Debra McDermott as [inaudible 00:58:40] on May 25, 2021. Resolve that the Board of Trustees of Pearl River Library with President Eric Sharrin, with Vice President William Morris, Trustee Irene [Dana 00:59:00]-

Irene D'Anna:

D'Anna.

Eric Sharrin:

... D'Anna, Trustee Mike McCue and Trustee Donna Warren at a regular meeting held on May 25, 2021 to chose the appointment of Debra McDermott as the primary contact person for the Pearl River Public Library QuickBooks account.

Eugenia Schatoff:

This is something they're requiring in order for her to have access to update and access all of our stuff. It originally [inaudible 00:59:34] through [crosstalk 00:59:35] Kathy Connolly, she's supposed to [inaudible 00:59:39]

Eric Sharrin:

So, it's been change the contact on QuickBooks due to the current climate of people stealing identification [inaudible 00:59:52] and all the nefarious things happening on the internet, they require this, the authorization, so that we will have something signed and passed by the Board of Trustees of Pearl River Library. So, it's not just somebody on the street saying, "Hey, yeah. I work with Pearl River Library." This is official. We put this on letterhead.

William Morris:

And we had to do this before when it was Kathleen or this is new?

Eric Sharrin:

No, Kathleen signed up for it the first time, so it was these people who signed up. Now we're changing it.

William Morris:

Okay.

Eric Sharrin:

With that said, a motion to accept the resolution by Mike. Second by Bill. And any further discussion? All in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Eric Sharrin:

None opposed. None abstained. Resolution passes. Our next resolution is to amend the holiday and closing schedule. Resolution is approved by the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Library, May 25, 2021. "Resolved that the Board of Trustees for the Pearl River Library resolves that the 2021 holiday and closing schedule adopted at the meeting of September 29, 2020 be amended as follows. The Pearl River Public Library will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2021 for the service of Independence Day." Make a motion. Do I have a second?

Michael McCue:

Second.

Eric Sharrin:

Mike second. Quick discussion. This is because, when we passed the motion, everybody had off on July 4, which happened to be a Sunday this year but did not have the actual day off where businesses and organizations will honor the holiday. Some establishments gave off either Monday. When the holiday's on the Saturday, you should get the previous Friday.

Donna Warren:

Don't you think most places are closed on July 5 this year? [crosstalk 01:01:54]

Eugenia Schatoff:

Every library is.

Donna Warren:

Okay.

Eric Sharrin:

Every library but us. I was trying to make the argument that when they close down, we're the only ones open. [crosstalk 01:02:10] and we'll have so much business we won't know what to do with ourselves. [crosstalk 01:02:18]

Eugenia Schatoff:

And then I made the argument of everybody getting an extra floating holiday, which is a scheduling nightmare. So, it's better to just be closed.

Irene D'Anna:

Gotcha.

Eric Sharrin:

So, it's a little [crosstalk 01:02:34] They'll have to do their reading online.

Irene D'Anna:

Gotcha.

Eric Sharrin:

With that said, I'd like to call the vote. All in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Eric Sharrin:

None opposed.

Wendy Courtney:

I would just point out if the holiday falls on a Saturday, we're normally open on Saturday. So, if we close on Saturday the 4th, we don't also close on Friday the 3rd, because then we're closing for two days.

William Morris:

So, it's only because we're in summer hours?

Wendy Courtney:

Yes.

Eric Sharrin:

With certain exceptions. Are we closed this weekend for Memorial Day?

Wendy Courtney:

That's a contract matter that is [crosstalk 01:03:17]

Eric Sharrin:

Certain exceptions. The last resolution is a resolution to rescind \$125,000 on [inaudible 01:03:28] May 29, 2018. Back in 2018, we were planning on redoing the rugs. And so, we were going to allocate \$125,000 to this in order to get some matching funds from the state at the time.

William Morris:

It's even more [crosstalk 01:03:51]

Eric Sharrin:

We set aside this money to do that. Well, three years later, we have a little bit more to do than just the rugs. We can do the rugs at this point, would be the same thing as putting in a brand new air conditioner at this point [inaudible 01:04:09] the whole building. Get everything set. [inaudible 01:04:14]. To that point, [inaudible 01:04:17]

Irene D'Anna:

So, [inaudible 01:04:21]

Eric Sharrin:

That's exactly it. "Resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pearl River Library rescinds the resolution passed on May 29, 2018 to allocate \$125,000 to carpeting and [inaudible 01:04:48]. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of Pearl River Public Library adopts a resolution to allocate the \$125,000 to the capital fund." With that, do I have a motion? Donna makes a motion. Do I have a second? D'Anna. I just want to say it again. Second. And with that, any further questions? If not, all in favor?

Group:

Aye.

Eric Sharrin:

None opposed. None abstained. And this passes, unanimously, as well. That is the end of our resolutions. Be it resolved [inaudible 01:05:26].

Eugenia Schatoff:

So we do not have any. I did want to say, however, that, as I stated previously, our closure, our five date closure or the last six days was extremely disruptive to our Pearl River community. So, it's certainly not something that we like to do. It's heavy critical thinking and weighing of options [inaudible 01:06:02] library. We're here to serve the public. That's what we love doing and we want to continue doing. The concern, the outcry, the confusion as a result of our closing was palpable. We got a lot of correspondence. So, I just wanted to reflect that in the meeting of the impact the necessary closure that we had.

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 01:06:37] no correspondence?

Eugenia Schatoff:

So, correspondence to you. In regards to feedback [inaudible 01:06:44] being closed. A lot of feedback. So, to give you the voice of the public, people were surprised, dismayed, disheartened, confused, shocked.

Donna Warren:

Do you think it pushed the case a little bit further that what we're doing and why we're doing is the renewal project?

Eugenia Schatoff:

I mean, absolutely. This question is does it prove the case of the library renewal project. I think it definitely goes to show our transparency in our decision-making and so the library renewal project is really the result of years of analysis, studies and work. And so, all of these terrible closures that we're having really could have been predicted. We've been saying everything this all along. We've been saying, "Everything is nearing its end of useful life." We've been saying that everything is barely functioning at this point. This is only going to continue. The amount of money that we're spending on a monthly basis to keep the building running, the number of days that we're closed were [crosstalk 01:08:08] That is only going to increase as the building continues to deteriorate.

Donna Warren:

I'm hoping that we're not going to see an abrupt end in general to our opening and having to move immediately because of what's happening. [crosstalk 01:08:21] It's just a general comment.

Eric Sharrin:

The public can't hear what your saying.

Donna Warren:

Just a general comment, but I'm hoping that we're not going to see these things happen [inaudible 01:08:36]. an abrupt close and not be able to re-open based on the fact that we're rebuilding. So, it's just an observation. [inaudible 01:08:48] or never. It's something I think that we're going to start seeing more and more of [inaudible 01:08:59] the heat. That's all.

Irene D'Anna:

Do you think we could get these people who are upset to come into [crosstalk 01:09:13]

Eugenia Schatoff:

All the feedback I received, positive or negative, I personally responded to every single person and invited everybody to the tours and invited everybody to participate. Absolutely.

Irene D'Anna:

I'm just collecting evidence.

Eugenia Schatoff:

Yes.

Eric Sharrin:

[inaudible 01:09:14] So, at this point, I'd like to [crosstalk 01:09:42] move on to the public comments? Does anybody want to comment?

Eugenia Schatoff:

Yes, so we had the opportunity for the public to provide comments. So, there is a question and answer box on your [inaudible 01:10:00]. So, if you have any questions or comments that you'd like addressed, now would be time to enter that. We'll give the public some time to respond, maybe a second or so to see.

Eugenia Schatoff:

(silence)

Eugenia Schatoff:

I'm not seeing any questions or comments at this time.

Eric Sharrin:

Okay. Thank you. Thank you all for [inaudible 01:10:44] tonight. Next we will look into [inaudible 01:10:49] to discuss contract negotiations. Do I have any motions to [crosstalk 01:10:57] What?

Eugenia Schatoff:

[inaudible 01:10:59]

Eric Sharrin:

Yes, yes. At this point, we move to executive session for our unique contract negotiations are a private matter that is not for public debate. We move that in and once we're done with the discussions, we open up to the public again later on. And if there's nothing else going on, let's move to adjourn. With that said, I need a motion to [crosstalk 01:11:29]. Donna.

Michael McCue:

Mike.

Eric Sharrin:

Mike is the second. All in favor.

Group:

Aye.

Eric Sharrin:

Time is 8:28, seven minutes and [crosstalk 01:11:50] You can do the math if you want.

Eugenia Schatoff:

Again, we'd like to thank the public for attending. It's time we kindly ask you to leave the meeting. We're entering into executive session where we you need contract negotiations will be discussed. It's a confidential matter that the Board of Trustees discusses in executive session. Thank you so much for attending. We appreciate your participation in this public meeting. We're going to stop recording at this time. We're going to kindly ask our staff to leave-