

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2020
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Nick Buron (video), Stephen Bury (video), Greta Byrum (video), Donna Gibson (video), Josh Greenberg (video), Melissa Jacobs (video), Brian Kenney (video), Shannon Mattern (video), Caryl Matute (video), Leah Meisterlin (video)

Not Present: Valeda Dent, Nicholas Higgins, Jim Neal, Kameelah Rasheed

Staff: Nate Hill (video), Shelly Mohammed (video)

Shannon Mattern brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:02 p.m.

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 9/24/2020 board meeting. Moved by Josh Greenberg and seconded by Stephen Bury, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 10/08/2020 board meeting. Moved by Melissa Jacobs and seconded by Donna Gibson, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Mattern motioned to accept the minutes from the 10/23/2020 board meeting. Moved by Jacobs and seconded by Greenberg, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Report:

- The New School cut approx 13% of its staff, including some of its librarians. Archivists have been ok thus far.
- Marble Fairbanks, the architects who designed METRO's space at 599 11th Ave., designed the Greenpoint Library's Environmental Education bldg which opened recently.

Finance Report:

Greenberg noted that METRO's finances are well and ended the year slightly in the black, but will probably get more interesting in different ways as the current fiscal year progresses.

Executive Director's Report:

- Update on moving out of 599 11th Ave.
- Hill is now Chair of the NYS Regents Advisory Council on Libraries
- Equity in Action grant update
- In talks with NYU on how to extend their digital preservation infrastructure to a larger set of community organizations
- METRO virtual programming updates
- Digital Services updates
 - Archipelago Digital Assessment Project
 - Proposal to NY Historical Society re their Islandora repository
 - RPI
 - Pilot with University of Buffalo
 - Ongoing conversations with NYC Municipal Archives
 - Interviewing for a Software Developer position for METRO

- Membership Engagement
 - Focusing on opportunities ahead; services; and state funding
 - Calls with library directors
 - Calls with library staff
 - Board members are welcomed to join membership calls
- Board holiday get together - more info forthcoming

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

2020 Board Meeting Dates

Thursday, December 10, 2020 (virtual)

All meetings are 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.