

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Teretha Jones at 5:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

The following were in attendance: Meghan Plevier – Maureen Pampaloni - Fred Mayo – Teretha Jones – Torquato Tasso – John Bonney, Director and Deborah Mayhue, Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Maureen Pampaloni made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting. Meghan Plevier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The report was read by John Bonney. Motion to accept the report was made by Teretha Jones and seconded by Fred Mayo. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports for this month.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Teretha Jones made the motion to move into executive session. Maureen Pampaloni seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meghan Plevier made the motion to end executive session. Maureen Pampaloni seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The library received a letter from the State Library honoring our exception to the evening requirements. The library can continue to be open two nights a week instead of the required three.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

John reported to the Board that the makerspace launch was a success. The room has been completed and the upstairs workroom is being organized to create additional space for the makerspace supplies.

Everyone, due to vandalism, is now required to give identification to use the restrooms. The high school and junior high school principals have been e-mailed this information and the response was that the students do not carry their school Id's with them after school. A continued discussion was held and it was suggested that the school superintendent be informed of the history and issues leading to this decision. If the students do not have identification with them they cannot use the restrooms at the library.

There has been an increase in our summer reading program. This includes a 25% increase in sign-ups, 29% in completion of the program, 44% in party attendance and 13% in the number of books read.

The "Go for the Gold" program will be coming to the Neptune Library next month. This program teaches soft skills to first time students in getting a job. Skills such as how to dress for an interview, how to shake hands and how to improve self-esteem. This will be a three week – six session program in which students will receive a gold card. The gold card will grant job interviews at certain companies.

Candidates for the strategic plan committee are being considered. The current plan will be used as a model for the next three years.

A discussion was held on the computer system threshold for fines. Currently the threshold is ten cents. Maureen Pampaloni made the motion that the fine threshold be changed from ten cents to two dollars. Meghan Plevier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Maureen Pampaloni/Meghan Plevier: We love the window downstairs that Marian did with the Ridge Avenue School pictures.

Meghann Plevier: John and his staff did a wonderful job on the Makerspace opening. Painting the panels made everything so bright and airy.

Maureen Pampaloni: Impressed with everything. Job well done.

John Bonney: Would like to thank Vito Gadaleta and Carol Rizzo for pushing for the Makerspace project.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meghan Plevier made the motion to adjourn. Maureen Pampaloni seconded the motion. Motion passed.