

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance: Mike Palermo – Madeline King – Claudia Mooij – Maureen Pampaloni – Meghan Plevier – Teretha Jones – Connie King – John Bonney – Deborah Mayhue

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meghan Plevier made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting. Mike Palermo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was read by Mike Palermo. Meghan Plevier made the motion to accept the report. Mike Palermo seconded. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports from the committees.

OLD BUSINESS

Children's Librarian, Cheryl Otten spoke to the Board about the Summer Reading Club success. She stated that sign-ups increased this year by 29% and the number of children completing the program increased by 9%.

Outdoor sign update: The outdoor sign will be financed through township capital expenditures at the 2013 price. The sign will be similar to the township sign in the front of the building.

The library has interviewed two people from the Workforce 55+ participant program.

NEW BUSINESS

John gave an update on the computers. Mike Yushack has updated all the computers downstairs that were backlogged. Mike's recommendation is that we purchase furniture to accommodate the larger computer monitors and use petitions in between the stations for privacy.

The library has decided to partnership with the Neptune Township School System. Our computer instructor, Laura Myers will be training the parents of Neptune Township school students on how to use

the Chrome Books the students will be getting at school. Another brainstorming initiative will be bringing all students up to grade level reading.

Teretha Jones made the motion for John Bonney to attend League of Municipalities conference in Atlantic City, November 14th 15th and 16th 2016. The Board will fund room and board, meals and transportation. The Board meeting date for the month of November will have to be changed due to the conference date. Mike Palermo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A discussion was held on digitalizing yearbooks. John will reach out to Marian to investigate this issue further because some Board members think that this is already being done.

Marian would like permission from the Board to use part of her budget to purchase the Asbury Park Press online subscription. This service will help when looking up information in the archives. The Board was okay with this decision.

A discussion was held on Texting Option. This is a Text Messaging service offered through SIRSI. We would be able to text patrons who left items at the library, to let them know the book on reserve is ready, etc. Meghan Plevier made the motion to do the trial which is 5,000 messages or 6 months of service for \$250. Mike Palermo seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mike Palermo: The art work in the library and the elevator is exceptional. Kudos to Amanda and Kelly for their good work.

Meghan Plevier: Congratulations to Cheryl for a great summer reading club year and to John and Cheryl for reaching out to the schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Maureen Pampaloni made the motion to adjourn. Madeline King seconded the motion. Motion passed.