

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Neptune Public Library
December 10, 2024

The Library Board President read the "Compliance with Open Public Meeting Law" to the assembled group at the start of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board President Teretha Jones.

ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance: Bridget James –Ava Johnson-Teretha Jones –Fred Mayo- Meghan Plevier. Also in attendance were John Bonney Library Director and Amani Neptune Confidential Board Secretary. Connie King and Torquato Tasso were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bridget James made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024 meeting and it is seconded by Meghan Plevier. All present were in favor, the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The report was read by John Bonney.

\$0.00 was paid on November 12, and \$2708.66 was paid out of the Trust on November 25, 2024. All present were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Personnel:** None
- **Budget:** None
- **Building:** None
- **Policies:** None
- **Outreach:** None

Old Business

- **Little Free Libraries**

The library ordered 5 Little Free Library's to be placed in strategic spots in Neptune and will be replenished monthly by the Library Director.

New Business

- **Angel Tree Program**

The library was given 50 tags of families that quickly taken by visitors to the library so we asked for an additional 15 more family tags which also went in a timely fashion. Right now we are collecting gift wrap, gift bags etc. to be given in helping with the wrapping of the collected presents.

- **Projects 2025**

There was work done in the parking lot within the last few weeks, the handicap spots were made ADA Complaint and the bend in the entrance of the road was made wider.

The library will be receiving new **charging stations** soon and the children's department will also get new **shelving**.

New tables were ordered for the **Makerspace room**, new **book trucks** to replace the older ones and in **2025 all the Computers** will be updated to new ones.

In the spring of 2025 we hope to have the **Bookmobile** up and running in and around Neptune.

- **Friends of the Library**

The Friends group has made donations to the Madonna house in the form of books and they also went to King's Manor in Neptune a senior housing complex and donated CDS and CD music players for the inhabitants enjoy music.

- **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Meghan Plevier commented on the continued successful turnout for the Early Childhood Advisory Council that meets in the Library.

Ms. Teretha Jones, the Board president shared with board members that New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy has signed a bill in New Jersey that "prohibits banning books in New Jersey" becoming one of the latest state to do so.

- **Public Comments** -None

Adjournment- Teretha Jones called for an adjournment at 5:18 pm. Meghan Plevier made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Fred Mayo. All present were in favor, the motion passed.