

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

October 15, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Teretha Jones.

ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance:--Dyese Davis-Teretha Jones-Connie King - Fred Mayo- Meghan Plevier-- Torquato Tasso- John Bonney, Director and Amani Neptune. Bridget James was excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Teretha Jones called for an approval of the August 20, 2019 minutes. Torquato Tasso approved the motion and it was seconded by Meghan Plevier. The motion was passed.

Oath of Office, per NJ Citizen Act of 2009 for Dyese Davis.

Dyese Davis recited the Oath of Office and joined the Board of Trustees on this day. Welcome Ms. Davis.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was read by John Bonney. Financial report and Action on Bills.

- \$646.78 paid on September 9 2019 and \$806.75 paid on September 23, 2019 out of the Trust.
- \$12,240.00 was given to the library from State Aid.
- \$13,827.00 additional monies given due to an increase in property values of 1%.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Torquato Tasso and seconded by Meghan Plevier. The motion was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Personnel
- Budget
- Building-there was a question the lack of fire sprinklers in the library but Ms. Teretha Jones did some research and found out that we are in compliance with the Fire Safety regulations due to the age of the building.
- Policies
- Outreach

Old Business:

- Grounds for Sculpture-The pass for Grounds for Sculpture is no longer available. At this time they are not accepting any new application and current Library memberships will not be renewed.
1. Bookmobile Update- We were told in the latest email from Eastern Surplus that January 2020 the Bookmobile should be ready. We are planning to start off with doing three routes a week. The visits would include elementary schools, daycares and the senior center along with various outreach events.
 2. Friends of the Library- The friends had a very profitable Boutique Book Sale making over \$600.00

They started a Book Talk group that meets monthly at the library and they are hosting gardening and bird watching workshops.

- New Archive Volunteer- Our new volunteer for the archive has over 40 years of experience in the field. Right now her current project is completing an inventory of maps and researching current and past black churches in Neptune Township for the Archive.
- Fall Performers for the Children's Department-The department recently had a very successful **Pumpkin face painting** program. Upcoming is a, **Snakes and Scales** event in November we are hosting a **Frozen Party** just before the launch of the movie **Frozen 2**.
- Neptune Day- Was a success. The staff gave out giveaways and promotional information about the library.
- School Supply Drive-The library collaborated with Assemblyman Eric Houtaling, Assemblywoman Joanne Downey, Mayor Caro, Rizzo, Dianna Harris of MURC, and Neptune Township School system to collect supplies for our community's most needy children. We collected 80 backpacks and filled them with supplies. In addition a box of supplies for teachers was dropped off at the middle school.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None

Public Comments.

None

ADJOURNMENTS

Motion to adjourn was called for by Teretha Jones, the motion was made by Torquato Tasso at 6:05 seconded by Connie King. The motion was passed.