

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

February 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Teretha Jones.

ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance: Teretha Jones –Connie King –Fred Mayo- Maureen Pampaloni-Torquato Tasso-Bridget James- the Director John Bonney and Amani Neptune.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Maureen Pampaloni made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting, Fred Mayo seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

- \$4516.79 was paid on January 28 2019 out of the Trust Account.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Maureen Pampaloni and seconded by Connie King. The motion was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing new.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bookmobile-the process is moving slower than anticipated due in part to the RFP (request for proposal) but that was required. John reached out to the Purchasing agent on Friday but with it being a holiday weekend he has not heard back from him as of yet as of yet. But as soon as he does each TRUSTEE will be notified via email by John. It is hoped is that we go with "New Jersey Emergency Vehicles", they are at a price point that we wanted and can accommodate the changes that we asked for.
- Library Budget hearing. On January 24, 2019 the budget hearing was held for the Library and John who was accompanied by Fred Mayo, gave a presentation that spelled out how we are spending our funds. One example that was given was the transformation of one of the upstairs meeting rooms that is being turned into a Conference room and our desire to install an overhead Projector and to renovate the "children's bathroom. Mayor Carol Rizzo suggested to John that he put in a capital request for the renovation. A request in in the making.(see new business)

NEW BUSINESS

- Black History Month Programs and Displays. The library has a minimum of three different displays for Black History Month and has three programs scheduled in the library.

- Resolution #R3-19 Classifying Karissa Redd as a Permanent Employee. The motion to classify Ms. Redd as a permanent employee was asked for by John Bonney, Maureen Pampaloni made the motion and it was seconded by Connie King. The motion was passed.
- Author visit Michael George. Mayor Rizzo is friends with the author and has donated 10 copies of the author's book to the library and he will be at the library on February 19, 2019 to do a reading from his book. The book is about life at the zoo which is also the book's title.
- Toddler Bathroom renovation. Initially the thinking was to renovate the bathroom to make it adult and ADA compliant but after some discussion it was realized with the logistics, safety and health issues it might be beneficial to expand the toddler bathroom but keep it for toddlers while still being ADA compliant and installing a changing table.
- Library Link NJ. They are a non-profit arm of the State library that currently provides us Interlibrary Loans. Library Link NJ has been flat funded since 2008 as most of the libraries in New Jersey are. Library Link NJ is being restructured so the State will be providing us with interlibrary loans and John will keep the Board of trustees updated with any changes. That being said it demonstrates the need for us to get out there and ensure that local officials and Legislative bodies are aware of what we are doing in and around the community and the importance for continued funding for programs to service our growing community and its needs.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Torquato Tasso who last month talked about THE BIG READ shared with us that he has spoken to Sam Weller who is an associate professor in the Department of Creative Writing at [Columbia College](#), Chicago. Mr. Weller who wrote a biography on Ray Bradbury called The Bradbury Chronicles: The Life of Ray Bradbury as well as a few other titles.

Mr. Weller has expressed an interest in coming to the library when he is in the area Right now Mr. Tasso and Mr. Weller are in the preliminary talks but suffice it to say it is very exciting.

Fred Mayo who is involved with the Neptune High Scholl theatre department shared with us that they will be performing 'THE ADDAMS FAMILY' on February 21, 22 and two showings on February 23rd 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENTS

Maureen Pampaloni the motion to adjourn and Torquato Tasso seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.