

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

December 17, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Teretha Jones.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Torquato Tasso made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting. Bridget James seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

\$2,029.10 paid on November 7 and \$8,737.38 was paid on November 25 2019 out of the Trust. Bridget James made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Torquato Tasso seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-None at this time.

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New Business

Sandhill Indian Dedication.

- Board Trustee Dyese Davis and John Bonney attended the Sandhill Indian Dedication.

Sharon Davis who provided an educational talk praised Sandra Michlich and Mr. Bonney along with the Neptune Public Library for their help with the project.

Mr. Bonney wanted it on the record that he wanted to personally thank Sandra, Marian Bauman and Karen Jefferson for their work in the Archive that made all this possible.

Copier Purchase

- The public purchase has been good to use for 15 years! But it has finally broken down and we need to replace it. The pricing for the new copier includes the copier, delivery,
- Installation, connectivity to our network, employee training, full set of supplies and remote diagnostics. Torquato Tasso made a motion to approve the purchase, Bridget James seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Programming and Attendance

- Amanda has accepted her appointment as program coordinator and has hit the ground running.

Collaborating with Cheryl Otten our Hilden's Librarian she has begun enhancing the programs and it has shown in the increased numbers for the programs. A few examples:

| Program | 2018 (attendance) | 2019 (attendance) | Percentage |
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| Halloween Party | 11 | 70 | 535% increase |
| Thanksgiving Party | 18 | 69 | 283 % increase |
| Holiday Party | 12 | 92 | 667 % increase |

Archival Report

- Marian Bauman, Karen Jefferson and Sandra Michlich have done a fantastic job in the Archive this year. A few examples of things we have been able to do now that the Archive is up running and functioning are mentioned in the Archive Report 2019.
- As was mentioned earlier those three professionals Marian, Sandra and Karen were instrumental in getting Sharon Davis the information that she needed for her presentation on Saturday.

DVD'S Holiday Season

- In the spirit of the holidays the Director John Bonney would like to offer our members free DVD'S for the holiday season ending January 2, 2019. A motion was made by Fred Mayo to approve the ideal and it was seconded by Bridget James. The motion was passed.

A grant offered by the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read a partnership with Arts Midwest was presented to the board that was found online by Torquato Tasso.

Unfortunately due to times constraints (the application is due for submission on January 29, 2020) coupled with lack of manpower to give the grant proposal the time it needs, it was decided that we would not pursue this particular grant at this time.

Trustee Comments-none

Public Comments-none

Adjournment

Teretha Jones called for a motion to adjourn. Torquato Tasso made the motion, it was seconded by Dyese Davis. The motion was passed and we adjourned at 5:47 pm.