



Raritan Public Library

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The regular monthly meeting of the Raritan Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 pm by R. Rispoli, Board President. R. Rispoli read a statement that the meeting was duly publicized (including notices which were sent to the Courier News and the Star Ledger) and that the meeting was called pursuant to provisions from the Open Public Meeting Law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Rispoli, B. Doorly, K. Seifert-Ethier, A. Goetsch, M. Pryll, C. Torres, U. Agrawal, J. Fidacaro, Mayor Alternate, A. M. Mead, B/R School District Rep, and M. Paese, Director.

Prior to the commencement of the board meeting, Mayor McMullin swore in A. M. Mead as BOE representative to the Board and Umesh Agrawal as new trustee. R. Rispoli welcomed Umesh Agrawal to the Library Board.

R. Rispoli led the flag salute.

R. Rispoli stated that he would be resigning and exited the meeting. Vice-President K. Seifert-Ethier then led the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President: Konstanze. Seifert-Ethier: A.M. Mead made a motion to elect K. Seifert-Ethier as President to the Board, M. Pryll seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

Vice-President: Christine Torres: J. Fidacaro made a motion to nominate C. Torres as Vice-President, A. Goetsch seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

Secretary: Adele Goetsch: A. M. Mead made a motion to elect A. Goetsch as Secretary, K. Seifert-Ethier seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

Treasurer: B. Doorly: C. Torres made a motion to nominate B. Doorly as Treasurer, A.M. Mead seconded and the roll call was unanimous.

MINUTES: A. M. Mead made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular December 21st, 2017 Board Meeting, C. Torres seconded the motion. All approved except U. Agrawal who abstained.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A.M. Mead made a motion to approve the January bills including Capital expenses, A. Goetsch seconded and the roll call was unanimous.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director reported that the men's bathroom needed repair due to a faulty part which was replaced.

The Library's attorney would be writing up a letter to present to a man who was breaking Library policies. J. Fidacaro asked if the Library was aware of a list of offenders in the area. She recommended that the Library staff should view this list.

A deposit was made to BFI for the staff chairs on order. This will be a Capital expense.

The Director would be hosting an RVF (Raritan Valley Federation) meeting at our Library. It will be the first time the various library directors will see the new community room.

Upcoming Programs/Events:

Thursday, January 25th at 6:30pm: The OTHER Mentalist, interactive demonstrations of telepathy and mind games performed by local resident, Tom Kennedy

Thursday, February 8th at 6:00pm: Valentine Floral Arranging Class with Michele Liana

Tuesday, February 13th at 2:00pm: Matinee Movie "Marshall"

Thursday, February 22nd at 6:30pm: Raritan's Distinguished Series: John Basilone

Tuesday, February 27th at 2:00pm: Gentle Chair Yoga with Breda

Next month: 6 or 7 programs for our annual Makers Day event (More to follow)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Status of the Strategic Planning Committee: (K. Seifert-Ethier and M. Pryll)

K. Seifert-Ethier reported that the current plan is done and the foundation is strong according to our external consultant. The plan will be revisited with new goals and a subcommittee.

B. Doorly reported that 670 newsletters are going out. Newspapers from January and February 1948 are scanned.

OLD BUSINESS: Hoopla numbers are to be given to the Board. We will discuss hoopla limits. We will review the presentation which will be given to the Borough Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Subcommittees were created with the following members.

Strategic Planning Committee: K. Seifert-Ethier, M. Pryll, and C. Torres

Finance Committee: A. M. Mead, U. Agrawal, K. Seifert-Ethier

Personnel Committee: A. Goetsch, J. Fidacaro, C. Torres

Public Relations/Community Outreach: B. Doorly, C. Torres, M. Pryll

All committees will communicate before the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Two

ADJOURNMENT: C. Torres made a motion to end the meeting at 8:25pm, J. Fidacaro seconded the motion.

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at the Library on Thursday, February 15th, 2018 at 7:00pm.