



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, S. Forte, K. Seifert-Ethier, A. Goetsch, M. Pryll, J. Fidacaro, Mayor Alternate, A. M. Mead, B/R School District Rep, and M. Paese, Director.

R. Rispoli announced that R. Zack resigned from the Board. J.Fidacaro will contact the Mayor regarding the empty seat on the Board.

R. Rispoli led the flag salute.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Secretary: Adele Goetsch: A.M. Mead made a motion to elect A. Goetsch as secretary to the Board, S. Forte seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

Treasurer: Sharon Forte: A. Goetsch made a motion to nominate S. Forte as Treasurer, A.M.Mead seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

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

President: Ron Rispoli: B. Doorly made a motion to nominate R. Rispoli as President, 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 15th, 2016 Board Meeting, A. Goetsch seconded the motion. All approved except S. Forte who abstained.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director took the Trustees on a tour of the new community room, the new stack area, and the upstairs rooms which are under refurbishment. The community room is near completion with a few punch list items. The new windows will be tinted to protect against UV rays and room darkening shades will be installed. The Director reported that so far over 100 boxes of books have been packed, unpacked and re-shelved as the upstairs rooms have been repainted. R. Rispoli and the Director hope the refurbishment of the entire Library to be complete within 6 months.

The Director received an estimate from Miles Upholstery to reupholster 4 wing chairs and 4 window cushions for \$3,550.00. The Board agreed to go ahead with this project. The Director received an estimate of \$1,700 from Rooster Restoration to refinish the antique drop leaf table in the entry hall. A. M. Mead mentioned she could recommend another company for a second price.

Upcoming Programs/Events:

During the month of February, the Library is hosting a “Blind Date with a Romance Novel”. Specially wrapped books with a theme of love can be borrowed.

Adult Movies: January 31st: Matinee and evening showing of “Sully” ...the true story of the miracle landing on the Hudson. February 14th: Matinee of “Momma Mia”. February 23rd: “King Creole” to coincide with Mardi Gras.

February 9th: Musical artist, Marc Black, will present a history of the 1950’s and 1960’s through popular songs. His group, Blades of Grass, had a top 40’s hit called “Happy” in 1967.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Update on Paver Program: The Library still has around 25 pavers to sell.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

K. Seifert-Ethier remarked that the Library should continue to move forward with its goal of outreach to JFK School and the ESL activities. M. Pryll and A.M. Mead agreed to fill R. Zack’s position on the Committee. M. Pryll stated she met with K. Brooks, the Children’s Librarian regarding a school STEAM project.

Bruce Doorly will write an article in the BReeze about the new community room and its Grand Opening.

J. Fidacaro and A. Goetsch (Grand Opening Committee) met and discussed having one Grand Opening. The Board is considering March 11th as a date for the opening. R. Rispoli will contact Lou Gara, the town’s construction official, before setting a date.

OLD BUSINESS: R. Rispoli stated that the Library now has a snow removal contract with the Borough which needs to be renewed annually.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2017-01-001: S. Forte made a motion to re-appoint Nisivoccia, LLP as the Library’s CPA for 2017. A. M. Mead seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

Resolution 2017-01-002: A. M. Mead made a motion to re-appoint Scott Smith of Smith Curley, LLC as the Library’s lawyer for 2017, M. Pryll seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

A.M. Mead made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm, S. Forte seconded and the Board unanimously agreed to end the meeting.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16th, 2017 at 7:00 pm.