



# Raritan Public Library

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February 20th, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Raritan Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:01 pm by Jane Fidacaro, Board Vice-President. J. Fidacaro 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: J. Fidacaro, A. Goetsch, M.P. Gausz, U. Agrawal, J. Foohey, L. Hnasko, A.M. Mead, Z. Bray (Mayor) and M. Paese, Director.

Absent D. Esposito.

Late: L. Hnasko

J. Fidacaro led the flag salute.

MINUTES: A.M. Mead made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Meeting, U. Agrawal seconded the motion. All trustees approved except D. Esposito and L. Hnasko who were not present.

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

2020 BUDGET: After a discussion amongst the Board Members, A Goetsch made a motion to pass the 2020 proposed budget, seconded by J. Foohey and the roll call was unanimous.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Barrett Construction performed a roof repair where the Children's Wing meets the main building. D. Esposito and the Director met with the contractor, Dan Barrett, to show him water damage in the Children's Room. Barrett Construction will also be cleaning/vacuuming out the basement and room beyond the craft room of debris and fallen rock material.
- The Director is working on recording State Aid Statistics which are due to the NJSL on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Eagle Scout picked up the cardboard prototype and will work on making the free library box a little smaller.
- The wool carpet replacement is considerably behind schedule. It is still in the design stage.

## **Programs/Events:**

Tuesday, February 25th @ 2:00pm: Chair yoga with Breda

Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm: Life at the Edwardian Manor with Judith Krall-Russo

Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 4:00pm: Census Recruitment

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm: Filipino Rondalla Concert sponsored by the 2020 Census and the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>: 10:30am to 3:00pm: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Makers Day Event: Activities include a Juvenile S'mores Ornament, a STEM Scholars Experiment, Graphic Novel Art and Animation Presentation by Author/Illustrator Mike Cavallaro, 3-D Printing Animal Keychains, a Teen Button Making Class and an Adult Bird Feeding Presentation and Birdhouse Project.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: J. Fidacaro reported that positions for two Library Board Sub-Committees (Finance and Personnel) will be filled.

A. Goetsch, U. Agrawal and D. Esposito had all agreed to be appointed to the Finance Committee. The Personnel Committee will comprise of M.P. Gausz, J. Fidacaro, D. Esposito and J. Foohey.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Zach Bray will speak with Somerset County and D. Esposito about the installation of the Historic sign.

NEW BUSINESS: J. Foohey reported that the "Friends of the Library" will start registration for the Town-wide Yard Sale on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Basilone Park is a perfect place to rent space for the community sale. He will be meeting with the JFK PTO to plan this event.

RESOLUTION: 2020-02-001: Library Landscaper: A.M. Mead made a motion to hire FTS Landscaping, Inc. for the 2020 season, A. Goetsch seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:37pm, a motion was made by A.M. Mead to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Z. Bray. The roll call was unanimous.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on March 19th, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Raritan Public Library.