



Raritan Public Library

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The regular monthly meeting of the Raritan Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:01pm by Don Esposito, Board President. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Don Esposito read a statement that the meeting was duly publicized and it was called pursuant to provisions from the Open Public Meeting Law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Esposito, J. Fidacaro, L. Hnasko, A. Goetsch, J. Foohey, Mayor Z. Bray and M. Paese, Director.
Absent: U. Agrawal, M.P. Gausz, and L. Sandler BRRSD rep.

D. Esposito led the flag salute.

MINUTES: J. Foohey made a motion to approve the regular and executive minutes from the January 21st, 2021 Board Meeting, A. Goetsch seconded the motion. All trustees approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Due to inclement weather and the Library being closed, bills were not paid and processed in time for the meeting. The Library's bookkeeper will email the Trustees the bill report once they are processed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Langhorne is in the process of weaving the wool for our carpet. The company is keeping us informed weekly on the manufacturing progress. Photos were previously emailed to the Board members showing the dyed wool on the loom.
- The Eagle Scout who is leading his troop with the making of the "free library boxes" brought in a partially painted one for us to see. He is doing a wonderful job with the outside details. The Director sent photos to the Board.
- In addition to Brainfuse, we are also offering our patrons expanded digital services with Axis 360, which is a free service. Our cardholders will have access to over 1500 e-books and e-audiobooks from their phone, tablet or Kindle device.
- On March 20th, the Library will once again participate in the annual State-wide Makers Day event. This year we will have button making, 3-D printing, and scratch story programs. Patrons will have the option of picking up the items to finish at home or they can make an appointment to work on them at the Library. A pamphlet of the events will be e-mailed to the Trustees.
- Patrons have asked about expanding the hours for inside Library access. The Director mentioned opening until 5:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (an additional 2 hours on those days.) This would begin on March 1st, 2021. All trustees agreed to increase the hours.
- The Director is working on the annual 'State Aid' report. Statistics will look very different this year due to Covid-19 and closures.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: D. Esposito stated that due to inclement weather, HMR Architects could not begin their work to investigate the Library's foundation issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The Director mentioned that she is waiting for a proposal from FTS Landscaper for annual maintenance. She also asked Mayor Zach Bray to add the Library to the list for notification when the Borough closes for bad weather.

OLD BUSINESS: J. Foohey discussed the possibility of having a town-wide yard sale in June. Covid protocols will still apply.
A discussion was held by the Trustees about possible locations for the "free library boxes".

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:32pm, a motion was made by J. Fidacaro to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Goetsch. The roll call was unanimous.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on March 18th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.