



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 Jane Fidacaro, Board Vice-President. J. Fidacaro read a statement that the meeting, held at the Library, was duly publicized and it was called pursuant to provisions from the Open Public Meeting Law.

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

J. Fidacaro led the flag salute.

MINUTES: Due to a lack of quorum, the regular and executive minutes from the September 16th, 2021 Board Meeting will be voted on in November.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Raritan Public Works installed four of the six "free library boxes" around town. Two remain: one box to be placed in front of the Municipal Building and the sixth location needs to be determined. J. Foohey has been stocking books and magazines in them. As soon as they are all installed, the Breeze newspaper will be running an article about the Scout project. After some discussion, the Trustees were all in agreement that the sixth location would be at the old Washington School.
- Barrett Construction did some repair work around the Library including replacing the molding around the front porch, replacing rotted posts on the Library sign, and replacing a broken ceiling tile in the stack room.
- The Children's Librarian is requesting that the Library purchase a new shelving unit for her room. The Trustees reviewed the request and recommended that she consider alternatives that matched the rest of the furniture and had lower shipping costs.
- Resumes for the Director position would be handed over to Don who will then contact the Personnel Committee.
- The Director handed the Trustees an updated roster. She mentioned whose term is up at the end of 2021.

Upcoming Programs:

- In addition to a monthly yoga session, on Tuesday, November 9th, the Library is hosting a program on 'Female Spies of WWII' with historic re-enactor Alisa Dupuy. This event will be sponsored by the Raritan Historic and Cultural Committee. And on Tuesday,

November 30th, Garden State author, Michael Gabriele, will be discussing two of his popular books on the 'History and Stories of Diners in New Jersey'.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: J. Fidacaro informed the Board that the Borough will soon be advertising the Library's foundation project and bidding will begin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:37pm, a motion was made by A. Goetsch to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Foohey. The roll call was unanimous.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at the Library on Thursday, November 18th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.