



Raritan Public Library

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November 18th, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Raritan Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 pm by Adele Goetsch, Board Treasurer. A. Goetsch 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: A. Goetsch, J. Foohey, L. Hnasko, A. M. Mead, Mayor Z. Bray, and M. Paese, Director. Absent: D. Esposito, J. Fidacaro, U. Agrawal, and L. Sandler.

Adele Goetsch led the flag salute.

MINUTES: Due to a lack of quorum, the regular and executive minutes from the September 16th, 2021 Board Meeting and the October 21st, 2021 Board Meeting will be voted on in December.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Seven contractors who are bidding the foundation repair project came into the Library for a walk through. Bob Russell from HMR Architects led the group through the building. Bids are due to the Borough on November 30th. Bob Russell indicated that the cold weather may postpone the onset of the work.
- All six "free library boxes" have been installed by Public Works. The BREEZE Newspaper included an article about the boxes in the November edition.
- The Library needs to hire someone for a few hours on Wednesday morning due to low staff coverage. Former employee, Donna Lapadula, has expressed an interest in taking the hours. The Director stated she would contact her regarding employment.
- The Director asked if a Holiday Staff Party could be held at the Library. The Trustees agreed to her request.

Upcoming Programs:

- November 30th: Garden State author, Michael Gabriele, will be discussing his two books about Jersey Diners.
- December 2nd and December 16th: Chair Yoga with Breda.
- December 3rd and December 4th: Annual book sale run by the "Friends" Group.
- December 9th: Local entertainer, Tom Kennedy, will perform his popular mentalist show.
- December 14th: The 1940 classic movie "Beyond Tomorrow" will be shown.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: J. Foohey discussed placing laminated signs around town advertising the upcoming book sale.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:36 pm, a motion was made by A. M. Mead 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, December 16th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.