



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 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, B. Doorly, D. Esposito, M. P. Gausz, A. M. Mead (BOE), Z. Bray (Mayor alternate) and M. Paese, Director.

Absent were: K. Seifert-Ethier, U. Agrawal, and A. Goetsch.

J. Fidacaro led the flag salute.

At this point, the Director showed the Board of Trustees two ALA short-takes: one on "Board Ethics" and the other on "Working Effectively with Friends". The Board members discussed each one after they were shown.

MINUTES: A. M. Mead made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 19th, 2019 Board Meeting, Z. Bray seconded the motion. All trustees approved except M. P. Gausz who abstained.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The Library received its annual State Aid check in the amount of \$3,015.00.
- The Director stated that the New York Times subscription price has become quite costly especially compared with the other newspapers the Library receives. The Trustees suggested considering getting just a weekend subscription.
- Shampamore completed the roof work (power washing and wood preservation of the cedar shakes).
- The Library's attorney sent information about the Good Samaritan Law regarding liability on usage of the defibrillator.
- The bookkeeper's new All-in-One HP computer arrived. Shreya will be installing it next week.
- The Director met with a high school student from Boy Scout Troop #186. He and his troop are interested in helping to design and build the book boxes as an Eagle project. The Director mentioned that she would set up a meeting with the scout and Zach Bray.
- The U.S. Census would like to do an employment fair at the Library promoting jobs on becoming census takers.

Programs/Events:

Saturday, October 19th @ 1:00 pm: Uncle Floyd Vivino Comedy Hour. This program has been repeated due to popular demand. It is booked without advertisement.

Tuesday, October 22nd @ 2:00 pm: Chair yoga with Breda.

Thursday, November 7th @ 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm: Matinee and evening showing of the new live action Disney classic: *Aladdin*.

Tuesday, November 12th @ 6:30 pm: "The Battle of Guadalcanal" presentation by Paul Zigo. This program is sponsored by the Raritan Historic and Cultural Committee.

Friday and Saturday, November 22nd and 23rd: Two day "Fall Book Sale" by our Friends of the Library.

Don Esposito volunteered during Somerset County Journey Weekend to give tours of our historic Frelinghuysen home. The Director thanked Don for his help.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: J. Fidacaro asked about the status of the snow removal agreement for 2019/2020. Z. Bray stated that the snow removal policy is on the Borough's agenda for approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: D. Esposito stated that the historic marker sign has arrived. Tom Damico will soon contact the Director. The County will install the historic marker in the front yard.

The Director received a price of \$1,210 for an AED Philips defibrillator and \$400 for staff training. M. P. Gausz made a motion to approve the purchase and training costs, D. Esposito seconded, and the roll call was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: The Trustees discussed the Borough's request that the Library pay for a previous sidewalk repair. The Board is asking for further clarification as to why the Borough feels the Library is responsible for this repair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:10 pm, a motion was made by J. Fidacaro to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. P. Gausz. The roll call was unanimous.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on November 21st, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Library.