



Raritan Public Library

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December 16th, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Raritan Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03pm by D. Esposito, Board President. D. Esposito 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: D. Esposito, J. Fidacaro, A. Goetsch, L. Hnasko, J. Foohey, U. Agrawal, A. M. Mead, Mayor Z. Bray and M. Paese, Director. Absent: L. Sandler.

D. Esposito led the flag salute.

MINUTES: A. Goetsch made a motion to approve the regular and executive minutes from the September 16th, 2021 meeting, the regular minutes from the October 21st, 2021 meeting, and the regular minutes from the November 18th, 2021 meeting. A.M. Mead seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Fidacaro made a motion to approve the December bills, J. Foohey seconded and the roll call was unanimous.

PRESENTATION: Alec Carroll from Innovative Document Imaging provided a visual demonstration of scanning documents of our historic Raritan Valley newspapers and other materials and answered any questions from the Trustees. His company would present a proposal which the Board would review at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:34pm, a motion was made by A. M. Mead to enter executive session, seconded by J. Foohey and the roll call was unanimous. The Board entered executive to discuss a patron and personnel matters. At 7:54pm, Z. Bray made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by A. Goetsch and the roll call was unanimous.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Stryker Heating and Cooling is scheduled to perform their winter maintenance including HEPA filter replacement before the end of the year.
- The Library's gutters were cleaned out by Padovani Roofing as part of a biannual service.
- PC Richards is scheduled to perform maintenance on our LG flat panel TV. Luckily, it is still under warrantee.
- Hoopla is now offering a digital magazine catalog which our patrons can now access. They will have the opportunity to read over 50 magazines with one borrow during a one-week period. This magazine catalog will most likely grow. In addition, digital Great Courses are available. The Library can monitor to see how much usage takes place in the future.

Upcoming Programs:

Thursday, January 6th at 6:00pm: Movie Classic: "Boys Town" starring Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney.

January 6th and January 20th: Bi-monthly Chair Yoga sessions with Breda.

Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00pm: Winter Wreath Class with Michele Liana.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Don Esposito informed the Board that the Borough needs to finish reviewing the bids for the Library's foundation project. The work will most likely begin in the spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: J. Foohey mentioned that the 'Friends' most likely will not have book sales in the future as they are not cost effective for the time and effort spent. He gave many leftover books to various organizations but there is still a lot remaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:08pm, a motion was made by J. Foohey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by J. Fidacaro. The roll call was unanimous.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be a reorganizational one held at the Library on Thursday, January 20th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.