



Raritan Public Library

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March 17th, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Raritan Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00pm by Don Esposito, Board President. This meeting was held in person. 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, U. Agrawal (7:19pm), A. Goetsch, J. Foohey, and A. M. Mead, Mayor Zack Bray, and Director M. Paese. Absent: L. Sandler.

Board President, Don Esposito led the flag salute.

MINUTES: A. M. Mead made a motion to approve both the regular and executive minutes from the February 17th Board Meeting, A. Goetsch seconded, and the roll call was unanimous.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:05pm, J. Fidacaro made a motion to enter executive session, A.M. Mead seconded, and the roll call was unanimous. The Board entered executive session to discuss personnel matters. At 7:15pm, the Board returned to regular session.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- ✓ The Library received its 2021 State Aid check in the amount of \$3,777.00. It was hand delivered by the Director of State Aid last week.
- ✓ The New Jersey State Library is extending the filing date for our Library's annual State Aid survey to April 15th so the new director can work on it.
- ✓ A member of the Somerville Monday Evening Club is requesting to show a movie here titled *The Red Violin* and to do a presentation on the violin for her club. The Board agreed to allow the member to show the film but only to the group and not the public due to its restricted rating.
- ✓ The Director asked if she could purchase a museum pass program to the Thomas Edison Center in Menlo Park. This coincides with the Edison programming for the month of April. The price of the pass is \$300.00 and it allows free entry for 4 adults or 2 adults and 4 children. J. Fidacaro made a motion to purchase the pass, A. Goetsch seconded and the motion was carried.

Upcoming Programs:

March 24th, April 7th and April 21st at 2:00pm: In-house Chair Yoga with Breda.

March 26th: Our 8th annual Maker's Day Event with STEM programs all day long.

April 12th at 2:00pm: Movie Classic Matinee: Young Tom Edison with Mickey Rooney.

April 26th at 6:30pm: A Visit with Tom Edison: The Wizard of Menlo Park by re-enactor Robert Gleason of the American Historic Theatre of Philadelphia.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Don Esposito reported that the Personnel Committee hired Amy Seymour as the new Children's Librarian. She will begin on March 21st, 2022. The new director Adam Petroski, approved at the last Board meeting, will also begin on March 21st.

Don gave an update on the digitalization of the old Raritan Valley Newspaper books. The eight books should be completed by the end of April. The cost to have the books rebound would be \$1400.00. A. Goetsch made a motion to approve the rebinding, J. Foohey seconded and the roll call was unanimous. Additional cost for the digitalization of materials would cost \$5,000.00.

A.M. Mead made a motion to approve the added costs, seconded by A. Goetsch, and the roll call was unanimous. The expenses would be paid from the Capital Fund.

RESOLUTION 2022-03-001: Z. Bray made a motion to approve the transfer of \$88,000.00 into the Capital Funds for a total of \$463,000.00. A. M. Mead seconded, and the roll call was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: A discussion was held on the proposed budget for 2022. J. Fidacaro made a motion to approve the budget, J. Foohey seconded and the roll call was unanimous.

D. Esposito appointed a committee to examine and update the personnel manual. J. Fidacaro and A. Goetsch agreed to work on the manual.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Adele Goetsch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, A.M. Mead seconded, and the motion was approved.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held at the Library on Thursday, April 21st 2022 at 7:00pm.