



Raritan Public Library

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April 15th, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Raritan Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:02pm by Don Esposito, Board President. This meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. 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, A. Goetsch, J. Foohey, U. Agrawal, L. Sandler, BRSD rep, Mayor Zach Bray and M. Paese, Director.
Absent: M. P. Gausz.

D. Esposito led the flag salute.

D. Esposito had introduced Bob Russell from HMR Architects who joined the meeting to discuss his report on the Library's foundation problems. He gave a very detailed report which included photos and made several remediation recommendations.

MINUTES: A. Goetsch made a motion to approve the regular minutes from the March 18th, 2021 Board Meeting, J. Foohey seconded the motion. All trustees approved except Mayor Z. Bray who abstained as he was absent from the previous month's meeting.

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Langhorne completed making the carpet on the loom. It is now being sewn together by the installer, Mike Davis. Saturday, May 8th will be the installation date and Merit Movers will pack up materials on Friday, May 7th and unpack on Monday, May 10th. The Library will be closed to the public on May 8th and we will have limited services on both moving days.
- John Paternoster repaired the walls along Wykoff and East Somerset Streets.
- The "Free Library Box" Committee met and came up with 6 possible locations for installations around town. This will be discussed further in Committee Reports.
- The Director contacted Somerset County Library regarding their collection management policy and how they were handling the Dr. Seuss books. The next step would be for our Board Committee to meet and form a more in-depth policy for our Library.
- On May 27th, the Library will be holding a special program presented by the grandson of the chief carver (Luigi Del Bianco) of Mount Rushmore and his invaluable contributions to our National Monument.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: D. Esposito discussed Bob Russell's report with the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: A. Goetsch reported on the 6 locations that the Committee had chosen for the "free library boxes". They include the Library's gazebo area, at both pools in town, by the Nevius Street Bridge, Washington School Park and in Cardinal Woods. Public Works will help to install them. The "Friends" will help to stock the free boxes.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: D. Esposito discussed arranging a time for the new committee to meet to discuss the collection policy. The meeting will be arranged through email.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Spencer Gunning, the Library's IT member, presented to the Board the new website that he is working on.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:55pm, a motion was made by J. Fidacaro to adjourn the meeting, seconded by A. Goetsch. The roll call was unanimous.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on May 20th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.