

LIBRARY MINUTES

March 18, 2019

The March regular monthly meeting of the Pompton Lakes Public Library was called to order by Anne Keating at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019 in the meeting room of the Pompton Lakes Library, 333 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442. The statement of compliance was read.

Present: Ms. Sheryl Bossak (speaker phone), Mrs. Jessica Ceccolini, Mrs. Anne Keating, Mrs. Marianne Vozzo, Mr. Michael Drazek, Director, Councilman Ek Venin

Absent: Mr. Ozzie Diaz, Mr. Glenn Huther

Minutes: The February 2019 regular meeting minutes were examined. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Jessica Ceccolini, seconded by Anne Keating, carried.

Collection and Finance

March bill list was reviewed, Michael advising that a few additional items were added since the emailed copies were sent. A motion was made to transfer funds from the Borough Savings Account to the Borough Checking Account to pay the Budget 2019 Bills on the March 2019 Bill List by Marianne Vozzo, seconded by Anne Keating, carried.

Director's Report

The Director's Report was examined by the Board. Minor discussion followed. The photocopier smudges seemed to have cleared up mostly, only appearing somewhat on the first copy and clearing itself after several copies are made.

Friends of the Library Report

Shirley McCabe reported on upcoming events for the Friends of the Library. This week, March 20th and 23rd, author Will Mara will be making presentations on how to get published and introducing his children's series. On April 17th, Bill Huston is scheduled to present a 1950's movie that he found. More details to follow. Book sale will be held May 10-11th with book collections starting April 1st. April 9th is National Library Workers Day and the Friends of the Library will be contributing to purchase four swivel chairs. In addition to the already planned events, future programs may include genealogy classes. Shirley wanted to make us aware and presented an article from The Record newspaper about some NJ towns starting to fundraise for their local libraries in order to come up with matching monies for the NJ Bond Act this fall. Fundraising ideas are being discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2019 at 6pm.

Old Business

Steam Pipe Repair – Norman Mechanical is scheduled to make repairs to the damaged steam pipes on Thursday March 21st and anticipate finishing up by the end of the day. Temperatures for that day are expected to be in the 50's.

Congregation Beth Shalom Library Garden Project – Friends of the Library submitted a letter thanking Congregation Beth Shalom for their generous offer, but wishing to decline due to the potential for

library expansion intruding on the proposed project and hoping to achieve a mutually agreed upon solution that would preserve this historic landmark. Councilman Ek Venin advised that a council committee has been created to discuss other options and that the garden project will not be done at the library.

New Business

Local Government Ethics Law Financial Disclosure Statement – Michael Drazek advised that forms have not been sent yet, but should be expected soon. He gave a little background information on the forms and what to expect when received.

Trustee Training – The Library Board of Trustees as a whole is required to have at least seven hours of training per year. PALS Plus will be having a Library Board Trustee Training about NJ Library Construction Bond Act on Saturday, April 6th at the Wayne Public Library.

Food for Fines/Fine Forgiveness – National Library week will be April 7-13. Michael Drazek presented an idea that would forgive fines or bring food in place of fines for this week in the hopes to attract more patrons and get them to come back without fear of fines. Discussion followed. Marianne Vozzo and Anne Keating agreed that this would be a good idea and all members present agreed as well. Advertising will be done on social media, newspaper and on electronic board.

Leaks – Borough administrator contacted architect from state who came a couple of weeks ago to inspect the park side of the library by the children's room. An estimate of \$66,000 was given, which included removing and replacing mortar, flashing and other items.

Open Trustee Member Positions – Two open positions will be available. Carey Salerno attended this meeting as a guest again and is very much interested in becoming a member. Margaret Kaffka also came as a guest and would be interested in becoming a member as well. Michael explained a little about terms, what it means to be a library board of trustee member and that if they wanted to become members that they would need to submit a letter of intent to him to be forwarded to the mayor and council.

Meeting Opened for Public Comments – The meeting was opened for public comments at 7:48pm. There being no comments, the open portion of the meeting was closed at 7:48pm.

Meeting Adjourned – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm by Anne Keating, seconded by Jessica Ceccolini, carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 15th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by,

Marianne Vozzo
Secretary