

LIBRARY MINUTES

June 10, 2019

The June regular monthly meeting of the Pompton Lakes Public Library was called to order by Marianne Vozzo at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 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, Mrs. Jessica Ceccolini, Mrs. Margaret Kaffka, Mrs. Lisa Kihlberg, Mrs. Marianne Vozzo, Mr. Michael Drazek, Director, Councilman Ek Venin, Mayor Michael Serra

Absent: Mr. Glenn Huther, Mrs. Anne Keating

Minutes: The May 2019 regular meeting minutes were examined. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Jessica Ceccolini, seconded by Sheryl Bossak, carried.

Collection and Finance

Collection report was examined. Good to see 163 new books added to our collection, which included some donations as well.

A motion was made to transfer funds from the Borough Savings Account to the Library Savings Account to replace money transferred in May by Margaret Kaffka, seconded by Sheryl Bossak, carried.

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 June 2019 Bill List by Sheryl Bossak, seconded by Margaret Kaffka, carried.

Director's Report

The Director's Report was examined by the Board. Discussion followed. It was clarified that the Summer Reading program is for students through eighth grade. Upcoming concerts were reviewed with some new bands on the list. Dates are June 13th, June 27th, July 17th, July 31st, August 14th and August 28th, with rain dates for all but one. Marianne Vozzo was concerned over library grounds not taken care of as well as expected, including garbage cans and weeds. Mayor Michael Serra advised that the DPW has been made aware of the concern and has addressed the issues. Flowers can be planted on the grounds or other locations within Pompton Lakes as long as they are watered regularly to keep them from wilting.

Friends of the Library Report

Shirley McCabe reported on happenings with Friends of the Library. The book sale brought in \$680, including \$103 in donations. The first of four Cecil B. DeMille film screenings is tomorrow evening at Christ Church with the showing of "Union Pacific". The rest of the Film Festival showings will be June 25th, July 2nd and 16th 6pm at Christ Church. Tickets are \$5 and Frank from TV Land Café will be providing refreshments. One Book One Town summer reading book will be "Invisible Thread". It is to promote reading and community spirit. Author

Laura Schroff also wrote a children's version of the title that will be promoted from September to November with a cumulative event planned around Thanksgiving time. Laura Schroff has reached out to Friends group and would like to be part of the program. Details are being worked out. In addition to morning discussion dates on June 12th, August 14th and October 23rd at 11am, evening book discussion dates will be held on June 19th, August 21st and November 6th at 7pm. Genealogy event presented by Eric Migdal is scheduled for June 19th at 6pm. Friends of the Library is expected to be set up tables at both Town Wide Garage Sale in July and National Night Out in August to help promote the library and sell books. Friends of the Library will be starting a program to donate chairs to the children's library with mention of the donor on each chair. The next meeting is scheduled for July 3, 2019 at 6pm.

Old Business

Library Hours – Michael Drazek provided graphs with usage of library showing busy and not so busy times. He also provided hours of nearby libraries for comparison. Discussion followed. It was suggested that hours be more streamlined. A motion was made to change hours to Monday through Thursday, 10am-8pm, Fridays 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-4pm starting in September 2019 by Marianne Vozzo, seconded by Lisa Kihlberg, all in favor. During summer months the library is closed on Saturdays.

Library Sign – Ek Venin would like to see a more visible sign replace the existing faded “Emanuel Einstein Memorial Library 333” sign on the front lawn of the library. Mayor Michael Serra suggested replacing it with signs like those leading into Pompton Lakes provided by Russ Accardi. Board members discussed possible designs to keep in line with the current architecture of the library. It was agreed that a red sign with white or off white lettering would be nice, wording on both sides and maybe even include the Friends of the Library logo on it. However, members could not finalize if the sign should read “Emanuel Einstein Memorial Library” or “The Pompton Lakes Library” with both including the address ‘333’. Michael Drazek will keep in touch with board members by email during the design and approval process and will call a special meeting if necessary. Borough of Pompton Lakes will pay for the sign once approved.

Mayor Michael Serra Report – The garden project suggested by Congregation Beth Shalom has been respectfully denied. The borough is discussing other options available. Mayor Serra advised that a Subaru dealer has leased the building next to the library for five years and will be using it mostly for storage, keeping noise levels to a minimum. They have agreed to maintain the property so as not to interfere with library aesthetics. Mayor Serra also reported that the Borough of Pompton Lakes will continue to subsidize the library until it can sustain itself. In addition, council members suggested that the library be used for more than just library events. Maybe school art shows or other such activities to bring in more people that normally wouldn't frequent the library.

New Business

Vice President Election – The Library Board of Trustees' current officers are President Anne Keating, Secretary Marianne Vozzo and Treasurer Jessica Ceccolini, leaving Vice President open. A motion was made to elect Margaret Kaffka to position of Vice President by Lisa Kihlberg, seconded by Marianne Vozzo, all in favor.

Steam Pipe Repair – Norman Mechanical provided estimate of \$485 to remove and replace rotted steam piping and fittings. Motion was made to accept the offer by Marianne Vozzo, seconded by Margaret Kaffka, carried.

Girl Scout Silver Award – Margaret Kaffka advised that for their Girl Scout Silver Award, her granddaughter Anne and her friend Mikeyla are collecting used and dried out markers, highlighters and dry erase markers to be recycled by Crayola Color Cycle and kept out of landfills. She requested that one of these bins be placed in the library. Michael replied yes, of course. Collections to take place through June 2020.

Women’s Club Donation – Margaret Kaffka presented Michael Drazek with a \$1000 donation from the Women’s Club of Pompton Lakes, noting that \$500 of the donation is earmarked for electronics. Michael thanked Margaret for the generous donation and will make sure they are recognized with a sticker to indicate that the item purchased was made possible by the Women’s Club.

Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission – Cristiane Jennings from the Historic Commission requested permission to use some space in the library for historic items to be displayed. Michael advised of possible available space at the end of the book cases or hang in an open space on the wall. The Historic Commission will be doing an inventory of historic items in its storage facility this weekend and will have a better idea of what it will want to display, but Michael would be very willing to work with the commission to find space at the library.

Meeting Opened for Public Comments – The meeting was opened for public comments at 8:16pm. There being no comments, the open portion of the meeting was closed at 8:17pm.

Meeting Adjourned – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm by Sheryl Bossak, seconded by Jessica Ceccolini, carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved by,

Marianne Vozzo
Secretary