

**MINUTES OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP  
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**April 18, 2016**

**ATTENDING:**

Members

Lillian Augustine, Vice- President  
Steve Dalina  
Audra Dipierro  
Robert Isaacs  
Lois Kane  
Kelly Roselle (M. T. Schools Representative)  
Prena Shah

Staff

Irene Goldberg  
Leah Wagner

Friends

Helaine Evans

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by Lillian Augustine, Board Vice President, presiding.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

It was noted that this meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2016 MEETING**

*Lois Kane moved that the minutes be accepted as presented.  
Prena Shah seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.*

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Irene reported on some of the programs that she attended at the Public Library Association Conference (PLA). She felt as we all did that we are already doing many of the things presented at conference.

Two programs that Irene felt were useful were:

Tech to Go- about circulating different formats of technology.

Creating a One Page Strategic Plan- She felt this would be useful as the Library moves forward in planning for its strategic plan.

Irene noted that Karen Klapperstuck's report on the conference was included in the packets that were distributed at the meeting.

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leah also reported on the PLA Conference. She discussed the "Big Idea" presentations on diversity, technology and conversation, and inequality in the United States. Leah found that the presentations were interrelated and have potential to impact the services and interactions in the Library.

Other programs that she found useful were:

52 Weeks of STEM in Your Library- The presenters provided a number of exciting and fun programs for all ages.

The Changing Landscape of Library Privacy- The speakers discussed the challenges of collection, retaining and using patron data to provide for better personalized service.

Book Dominoes was held again in the Youth Services Department last Friday. Thirty young people spent two hours working together, problem solving and having fun. Thanks go to Steve Hrubes and Lynnette Fucci for all their help with this event.

This year the Kids for Kids Photography and Poetry Contest Reception will not be held. The Library did not get enough entries for the first time since the program began. The Youth Services staff feels that not having the paper entry forms distributed through the schools had a tremendous effect on the success of the program.

Kelly will look into this change in procedure and will assist us with getting the summer reading materials home to the students in paper.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was accepted as submitted.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Policy Committee presented two policies to be reviewed and revised.

Use of Library Space Policy:

The committee asked that the wording on page two be changed from,

The Library will not display or distribute:

to

The Library will not post on the bulletin board:.

*Steve Dalina moved that the wording in the Use of Library Space Policy accept the recommended change. Lois Kane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

Donation Policy

The Committee had discussed replacing "the Library Board of Trustees" to "The Monroe Township Library Foundation" as the organization accepting donations. After discussion it was felt that the policy will return to the committee for further discussion.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The annual Book Sale will be April 30-May 5. The donations have been coming in.

Helaine will be continuing the book discussions at Monroe Village. They continue to be popular. Future dates are:

May 10<sup>th</sup> Book Discussion will be Leaving Time by Jody Picoult

May 13<sup>th</sup> Film will be Infernal Affairs

The Monroe High School Mock Trial Team will be presenting their Mock Trial on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

This year's Membership Tea will be on June 1 and The Impulse Quartet will be performing.

#### MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

The Monroe High School will be having this year's One Book Read event on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-8:30pm. This year's title is Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell.

The 2016 Summer Reading List has been finalized. The faculty is very excited about the list.

Once again the District and the Library will collaborate on Summer Reading Night. During the event, Library staff will be available to talk about summer events and booktalk the summer reading titles. The Summer Reading Night will be on Thursday, June 9.

The PTO's are having a fundraiser at Barnes and Noble on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The High School Media Center received a wonderful donation of newspaper clippings on significant world events, such as the assassination of President Kennedy, D-Day and much more. The High School is working on preserving the clippings so that they can be displayed in the school.

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Blaise was unable to attend but Audra reported in his absence.

- National College Fair is being held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The fourth marking period has begun.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> is the junior prom.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the senior prom.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> is Graduation at the Sun Arena in Trenton.

#### FOUNDATION

The Foundation's Art Show and Raffle begins on May 1. An Artist's Reception will be held at noon on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Invitations to the Board members are being sent out.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACTION ON BILLS

Steve Dalina moved the payment of bills with checks #15112– #15203, excluding checks #15118 - #15160 and check #15196 in the amount of \$46,889.44. Prena Shah seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Bob Isaacs asked if everyone had received and completed the Personal Disclosure Form for the State of New Jersey. If you have questions or cannot remember your username and password, Township Clerk, Sharon Doerfler will be able to help you.

The next meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for **Monday, May 16, 2016** at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Steve Dalina moved that the meeting adjourn. Prena Shah seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Leah Wagner