

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

**March 21, 2016**

ATTENDING:

Members

Sylvie Feist, President  
Lillian Augustine, Vice- President  
Benjamin Baum  
Steve Dalina  
Audra Dipierro  
Lois Kane  
Prena Shah  
Blaise Dipierro (MTHS Student Representative)

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 Sylvie Feist, Board President, presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

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

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2016 MEETING

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Irene met with Brett Bonfield the new Director of the Princeton Public Library to welcome him to the area and explore ways that the Monroe Library and other area libraries could work with Princeton in the future.

Irene is on a committee planning the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LMXAC.

Irene reported that she and staff attended the Library's budget meeting on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. She felt very positive about the meeting and thanked Councilman Dalina for his kind words about the Library and his successful effort to have the Library's parking lights replaced.

Irene also presented a thank you letter from a library patron.

#### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leah reported that the Makerfest held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> was an overwhelming success! Over 600 people attended the event and there were over 30 different exhibits. This year more people from the community participated as exhibitors. There were a number of young people who exhibited and talked about their hobby or skill. Leah commended Steve Hrubes for all his planning to make the event successful. Steve Dalina asked that library staff attend the next Council Meeting to briefly speak about the event.

The Red Cross Club from the Monroe Township High School will be running a "Health Night" carnival at the Library on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 m- 8:00 p.m.

Rebecca Osowski has completed a Talk Story Grant application. If awarded the grant the Library will receive \$600 for collection of children's books in various South Asian Indian languages.

Leah was contacted by the local group Agaj Seva Kendra. This is a local group that is sponsoring a mentoring program of young people in Monroe Township. The Library will be partnering with them to provide weekend tutoring to local students. Agaj Seva Kendra will provide the tutors and the Library will provide the spaces. Hopefully this program will begin in early May.

Several Board members agree that the program is worthwhile but that we do not have enough information about the group, Agaj Seva Kendra. A question was asked if the mentors have had background checks and if they have been fingerprinted. Leah will contact the group to get this information.;

Recently the Library was notified by the Talking Book and Braille Center (TBBC) that the Monroe Township Library had 10,340 of the 26,579 total downloads to date, the highest of all BARD Pilot Project libraries. The Bard Project provides digital materials to (TBBC) patrons throughout New Jersey.

The new mirrors for the bookmobile arrived but do not fit correctly on the bookmobile. The Public Work's mechanic has given us another mirror to order that he feels should work.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was accepted as submitted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Helaine will be continuing the book discussions at Monroe Village. Out Stealing Horses is the next discussion

Helaine will also be continuing the International Films at Monroe Village.

The annual Book Sale will April 30-May 5. The Friends are now taking book donations.

The Friends are trying to arrange for the Monroe High School Mock Trial Team visit the Library.

The Friends plan to march in this year's Memorial Day Parade.

#### MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

None

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Blaise reported that:

- The College Fair will be on April 7 9:00-12:00 p.m.
- PARCC Testing will be April 11-19.
- Spring Break begins Friday, March 25.
- The final marking period begins April 13.

#### FOUNDATION

The Foundation's committee planning the Art Show and Sale meet last week and clarified more details. The art work will be on display in the gallery during the month of May. "Raffle" tickets will be available for each piece of art. The price of the ticket will be determined when the committee sees the art. Irene reminded everyone that there will be a reception for the artists and their friends and families on Sunday, May 1 from noon to 1:00 p.m.

The next Foundation meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Irene reported on an incident involving a study room. A Library patron feels that the private quiet study rooms are not well marked. It was agreed that the Library will provide clear signage regarding the use of the three private study rooms.

#### ACTION ON BILLS

Ben Baum moved the payment of bills with checks #15057 - 150111 in the amount of \$557,624.47. Audra Dipierro seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## OTHER

Irene distributed a statistic sheet on the usage of the museum pass program provided by the Friends of the Library. This is a very popular service.

The next meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for ***Monday, April 18, 2016*** at 6:30 p.m.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Wagner