

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

**September 26, 2016**

ATTENDING:

Members

Sylvie Feist (President)  
Lillian Augustine, Vice- President  
Ben Baum  
Audra Dipierro  
Robert Isaacs  
Lois Kane  
Prena Shah  
Blaise Dipierro (Student Representative)

Staff

Irene Goldberg  
Leah Wagner

Friends of the Library

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 JUNE 20, 2016 MEETING

*Ben Baum moved that the minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting be accepted as presented. Lois Kane seconded. The motion passed.*

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Irene reported that the Library will be hosting a joint program with the League of Woman Voters. Unfortunately, the speaker planned for the event had to cancel. The League will make plans for another speaker to present at the program on the same topic.

The needlecraft programs hosted by the Library have been very successful.

The Library has received two quotes to repaint the exterior of the building, which has not been done since 1997. The lowest estimate is from Productive Painting in the amount of \$14,750.00. This estimate is \$6000.00 lower than the other quote. Irene recommends that the Board accept the lower estimate.

*Audra Dipierro moved that the Board accept the estimate to paint the exterior of the building from Productive Painting in the amount of \$14,750.00. Ben Baum seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

Irene presented architectural renderings of the drive thru canopy. The project is currently in the drawings stage and is unlikely to be completed until the spring.

#### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leah highlighted several topics from her written report.

The Pokemon Go program, created and presented by the Children's department with the assistance of Library Page, Jason Weismann, was a huge success.

The summer programs were all very successful and well attended.

Gina Blume has been hosting a program on American History using the video lectures provided by The Teaching Company. These twice monthly, video and discussion programs have been very popular with between 45 – 50 people attending.

The Library has placed a book return at the Senior Center. It is currently being emptied on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. It is expected that as the book drop becomes more popular it will need to be emptied five days a week.

Team Beta has returned for another year of creating and volunteering in the Studio. This year the group plans to build a drone.

The Library is working with two different groups to provide homework assistance. The Stonebridge Women's Club was planning to provide assistance at the Community Center but there were several obstacles that needed to be worked out. The Women's Club will be providing homework assistance in the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The second group is *Agraj Seva Kendra* a local organization that oversees high school volunteers who provide homework assistance on the weekend.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was accepted as submitted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Clubs and Movies at Monroe Village continue.

Several years ago the Friends sponsored a popular series called Lunch and Learn. The group would like to host the series again beginning in January. Each month a different member of the Library staff will present a topic of interest to them.

January  
February  
March

Organizing Your Home  
Genealogy  
Yoga

Sue Grotyohann  
Lauren Uslan  
Jennifer Rojas

Irene Curran, a retired Monroe Township School District English teacher, will be presenting a Literary Lecture about Agatha Christie on October 27.

#### MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Kelly Roselle was unable to attend the meeting but she did send a report.

- The Monroe Township School District media specialists will be meeting at the public library for an articulation and planning meeting on Wednesday, September 28th. During the afternoon, they will collaboratively plan with the public librarians for events during the school year.
- The next Board of Education meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 pm in the High School Media Center.

#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The SAT will be given at Monroe Township High School (MTHS) Saturday, October 1.  
The PSAT will be given at MTHS Wednesday, October 19.  
The first marking period ends on November 16.

#### FOUNDATION

The annual Jewels of New Jersey Jewelry Show and Sale will be held on Sunday, November 6 from 11 p.m.-4 p.m.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Irene proposed that rather than hiring a consultant to create a strategic plan, Library staff would undertake this project. Irene will work with Leah, Karen Klapperstuck and other Library staff to create a three year plan over the next several months. The Board approved.

Irene presented a list of Library closings for 2017.  
The dates were approved by the Board.

#### ACTION ON BILLS

##### **July 14, 2016 Bill List**

Ben Baum moved the payment of bills with checks #15311– #15343, in the amount of \$79,227.90. Lois Kane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**August 11, 2016 Bill List**

Lillian Augustine moved the payment of bills with checks #15344– #15386, in the amount of \$190,581.67. Prena Shah seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**September 26, 2016 Bill List**

Ben Baum moved the payment of bills with checks #15387– #15431, in the amount of \$435,915.39. Lois Kane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

The next meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for **Monday, October 17, 2016** at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Prena Shah moved that the meeting adjourn. Lillian Augustine seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Wagner