

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE
JANUARY 27, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Luke Tirrell called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

ROLL CALL

The following were in attendance: Luke Tirrell – Meghan Plevier – Mike Palermo – Joe Krimko – Connie King – Lewis Norwood

A welcome was given to new Board member Lewis Norwood and re-appointees Meghan Plevier and Mike Palermo.

Oaths of Office , per the NJ Citizen Service Act of 2009, were signed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Joe Krimko made the motion that the existing slate remain in office for 2011. Mike Palermo seconded the motion . Motion carried.

Joe Krimko made the motion to reaffirm Deborah Mayhue as recording secretary for 2011. Mike Palermo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meghan Plevier made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting. Mike Palermo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A discussion was held concerning the agenda and treasurer's report and how things will be different this year . Luke recapped the procedural changes for the benefit of new members.

The library was well received by the administration at the budget hearing. Joe Krimko made the motion to accept the report, per attached, and pay the bills. Meghan Plevier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Luke and Marian met with Mike Bascom concerning accounting and procedural issues that may or may not happen based on the budget hearing. It is important to reinforce the communication between the library and the municipality, even though the library is autonomous.

A discussion was held on Project Peace in the Afternoon. Challenges and solutions were presented, as well as results noticed, since implementing the plan. The Board was satisfied with the results so far and asked Marian to keep them informed.

The Book Club in a Bag has increased to thirteen clubs. Our statistics are down but most likely due to the cut in our hours

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #R1-11: Naming Contracted Vendors of Books and Library Materials. Joe Krimko made the motion to accept the vendors. Meghan Plevier seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution #R2-11: Naming Contracted Computer Consultant. Joe Krimko made the motion to accept Shore Systems Inc. as the Computer Consultant for 2011. Mike Palermo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The library opened its doors on March 22, 1971. A fortieth anniversary is being planned and will be spearheaded by the Friends. The date of the celebration "40 years of Smiles with Service" will be Tuesday, March 22, 2011. The Board has given their consent and will be informed on how things are progressing.

The library has received a broad band technology grant from the State Library. The grant does not contain any money but will include staff training and job courses in order to help patrons apply for employment and other types of job training.

Krista would like to attend Computers in Libraries Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 21st – 23rd. Motion was made by Joe Krimko to approve expenditures up to \$1400 to attend the conference. Mike Palermo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A large number of "no shows" for computer classes has led Marian to request permission to charge a fee for registration. After the discussion, Mike Palermo made the motion to give Marian the latitude to charge any amount up to \$10 for registration. Joe Krimko seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on joining "ListenNJ" to get E-Reader books for our patrons. The Board felt that the idea was not very well formulated as yet. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting to give Marian a chance to gather more information.

The meeting dates for 2011 were set for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm. Joe Krimko made the motion to accept the day and time. Mike Palermo seconded. Motion carried. Luke Tirrell extended a thank you to John Bonney and Amani Neptune for agreeing to stay late when the meetings ran past the library closing time in 2010.

COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

The following committees were formed:

Personnel: Luke Tirrell, chair and Mike Palermo

Budget: Mike Palermo, chair and Lewis Norwood

Building: Joe Krimko, chair

Policies: Connie King, chair and Joe Krimko

Outreach: Meghan Plevier, chair and Luke Tirrell

Joe Krimko made the motion to accept the committee appointees. Meghan Plevier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Krimko made the motion to adjourn. Mike Palermo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

