

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NEPTUNE
AUGUST 16, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Luke Tirrell called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Meghan Plevier made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 21st meeting. Joe Krimko seconded.
Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was read by Mike Palermo.

The Board has acknowledged receipt of the 2010 audit but will not formally accept it until the members have had a chance to read it and present any questions they may have.

Purchase orders totaling \$11,073.79 have been closed and the monies have been rolled back into the three accounts.

The library has received a grant in the amount of \$1118.45. The grant will be used to purchase all types of books for a healthy lifestyle such as cookbooks and exercise.

Joe Krimko made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Meghan Plevier seconded. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel: No report

Budget: No report

Building: No report

Outreach : No report

Policies: The computer class policy has been finalized. It was decided that the members should first read through the policy and discuss it at the next meeting before actually adopting it. There are concerns from the staff with the Code of Conduct and Unaccompanied Children policies so these will be revisited at the next meeting also.

OLD BUSINESS

According to the State Library, we are out of compliance with State Aid due to the number of hours we are open each week. Marian has filled out the forms and filed it with the state. At this point, we don't anticipate any cuts in our funding.

We have received our census information and we are up two hundred forty five people from the year 2000 figures , which means we should receive a little more in state aid.

ListenNJ update: A total of forty eight people have signed up to download e-books or audiobooks. Sixty six new titles have been purchased that are available only to Neptune Library patrons.

NEW BUSINESS

We have a new Page/Tech from MAP who started in July 2011. There will be a total of four working during this year's period, with two working at the same time.

Gail and Frank Mertz , who are "pleased to support the efforts of the Library" gave the Friends a donation of \$100.

The final history display cases, first aid and firefighters, are in the rotunda at the township.

Marian spoke at the Mayor's Business Forum about how our databases can help business grow by identifying new customers or employers. Luke Tirrell commended Marian for pushing to get the library involved in community projects.

National Night Out was a success. One hundred thirty three children signed up for the Mayor's Book Club. We will be having a special Mayor's Book Club program on September 15th featuring Snakes and Scales. A naturalist will be bringing electric fish, snakes and lizards for picture taking.

A library patron has expressed an interest in starting a Science Fiction book club at the library. Flyers have been posted to gain interest. If this takes off, we will treat it like our other book clubs in a bag and purchase the books for them.

We now have three hundred ninety one Facebook users who check our website.

We have ninety seven children who finished the Summer Reading club and twenty seven for the Read-to-me. Our numbers are down due to the schools having their own summer reading project which is fine, as long as the children are reading.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mike Palermo and his wife are impressed with the display window. He commended Marian and the staff on a job well done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

