

BERGENFIELD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes
March 12, 2015

Present:

Grisel Almonte
Barbara Chittum, Recording Secretary
Marcela Deauna, Treasurer
Charles (Jim) O'Dowd, Trustee Emeritus
Thomas Neats, President
Dr. Nelson Reynoso, Vice President
Mary Riskind, Director
Jay Shiner

President Neats called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Notification of Public Meeting

President Neats read the report on public notification of this meeting.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Shiner, seconded by Mrs. Deauna to accept the February 12, 2015 minutes as circulated. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bill

A motion was made by Mrs. Chittum, seconded by Dr. Reynoso to approve the March 2015 bill list as circulated. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

President's Report

Mr. Neats reported that timing of negotiations for the new contract has not been set.

BCCLS and Friends

The last Friends meeting was cancelled due to weather. Mrs. Riskind did attend a Wyckoff meeting titled "Friends Talk." Many groups met to discuss needs in common. Mrs. Riskind will not be attending the Hasbrouck Heights meeting as is dedicated to covering book sales.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Riskind thanked the Bergenfield D.P.W. for their quick response to the danger of melting snow for the children. Requests for proposals for the next five year contract for elevator maintenance. Otis Elevator has already responded.

Finance Committee

The financial summary was distributed and discussed. The negotiation committee will meet with union representatives on April 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Personnel

No report.

Policy

No report.

Strategic Planning

Dr. Reynoso reported a productive brainstorming meeting was held. There is more to do. There is need for more funding. Fund raising should be family oriented, perhaps at health fairs, libraries linked to colleges (career days). Bring in other cultural and ethnic groups to share insights into business and community relations. The next strategic planning committee meeting will be April 13, 2015.

Director's Report

A copy of the State Aid Report was circulated. E-mail any questions you may have to Mrs. Riskind. To satisfy safety training requirements, staff is viewing a video on "Attention and Distracted Driving." New Jersey Makers Day will be March 21, 2015 statewide to encourage entrepreneurs. NJLA has a meeting in Long Branch April 20-22, 2015, with early bird registration ending March 30, 2015. The fact that not everyone on the board was receiving BCCLS and NJLA e-mails was discussed.

Old Business

Mr. Neats discussed the standards to be set for the Lucille Tendler Community Service Award. A copy of the suggestions provided by Mrs. Almonte was distributed. Further discussion will be held as to the general qualifications and outline to be followed.

New Business

March Madness at the Library; Tournament of Books. .Library Style! The tournament form was presented. The Staff Appreciation Breakfast date will be set at the next meeting, April 9, 2015.

Public Portion

No report.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Deauna, seconded by Dr. Reynoso to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Barbara Chittum, Recording Secretary