

**AVALON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 10, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Jacquie Ewing. Ms. Ewing read the Open Public Meetings Act. Flag salute. Roll call.

Present: Jacquie Ewing, Carl Mattia, Jim Thatcher, Lynn Schwartz, John McCorristin, Richard Hoy, Stacey Tracy, Kate Nestor, Michele Petrucci, Nina Ranalli, Erin Brown, Erin Law-Board Solicitor

Absent: Mayor Pagliughi

A motion to approve the regular session minutes of the December 13th, 2018 meeting was made by John McCorristin and seconded by Richard Hoy. Approved by all. A motion to approve the closed session minutes of the December 13th, 2018 meeting was made by Richard Hoy and seconded by John McCorristin. Approved by all.

Michele Petrucci made the motion for the nominations for the Board Officers for 2019. Jacquie Ewing for President; Carl Mattia for Vice President; James Thatcher for Treasurer and Dorothy Lynn Schwartz for Secretary. The motion was seconded by John McCorristin. A motion to approve the Atlantic City Press as the official newspaper for the Avalon Free Public Library was made by John McCorristin and seconded by Richard Hoy. A motion to approve Eleanor Cifaloglio as Library Board Secretary effective February 1, 2019 was made by Richard Hoy and seconded by John McCorristin. Approved by all. No one from the public was present and there were no public comments.

A motion to approve thirty-three checks in the amount of \$129,753.21 was made by Jim Thatcher and seconded by Michele Petrucci. Approved by all. A list is attached of those checks and made a part of these minutes.

Erin Brown began the Directors' report. Library visits were down slightly in 2018 from 2017. There were 603 Library/History Center programs in 2018. **Nina Ranalli** said that the History Center winter programs are more well attended than summer programs. **Erin** said that there has also been a decline in DVD circulation. **Nina** said that the new website which has been rolled out has been a success. Almost double the amount of objects in the History Center from last year. **Erin** continuing to work on emergency situation guidelines. Also looking at Library personnel manual. Finalized two concerts with Bay Atlantic Symphony for summer 2019. **Nina** said that environmental testing had been done at the History Center. Exhibits for 2019 include railroad, old houses and old hotels.

Patty Davis gave the Seven Mile Publishing update. The January campaign is New Year, New Things. For February it will be Love Your Library, Love Your Environment with the reusable bags. The winter/spring programming mailer is in the final stages. Ad contracts are coming up.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 1-19 – regarding the Cash Management Plan through the Reorganization Meeting of January, 2020 and Authorizing its Newly Elected Officers to Sign Various Checks, was made by Richard Hoy and seconded by Michele Petrucci. Approved by all.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 2-19 – Authorizing Agreement for Certain Legal Services for 2019, was made by Michele Petrucci and seconded by Richard Hoy. Approved by all.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 3-19 – Reappointing Various Library Personnel for the 12 Month Period Beginning January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, was made by John McCorristin and seconded by Richard Hoy. Approved by all.

Adjournment at 4:35 pm.