

**AVALON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 9, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 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, Richard Hoy, Stacey Tracy, Kate Nestor, Nina Ranalli, Erin Brown

Absent: Mayor Pagliughi, John McCorristin, Michele Petrucci, Erin Law - Board Solicitor

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2019 Meeting made by Jim Thatcher, seconded by Richard Hoy. Approved by all. No one from the public was present and there were no public comments.

Motion to approve the payment of 50 checks totaling \$127,944.55 made by Jim Thatcher, seconded by Richard Hoy. Approved by all. A list of the checks is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Erin Brown began the Directors' report. We have concluded the hiring process for 3 seasonal part-time library assistants and are seeking a motion to approve the hiring. Motion to approve the hiring of 3 seasonal part-time library assistants at \$15.53 per hour and 19 hours a week made by Carl Mattia, seconded by Richard Hoy. Approved by all.

John McCorristin entered the meeting at 4:05.

Erin Brown – We worked with the library attorney to begin process for revising/redrafting the Shared Services Agreement. We got money back from the school for the Chiller project. 110 patrons attended the library's Spring Break Family event on April 19. Tickets will no longer be required for library summer events. Storage is an ongoing issue for the library. A highlight of our ongoing community engagement and partnerships: Our Kids' Summer Guide will now include all free kid and family programs in the Borough during June, July, and August; The AHLOA Bike Auction tandem bike is on display at the library; We will be participating in the Avalon Garden Club Yard Sale; We will present a Reading Achievement Award at the Avalon Elementary School Award Ceremony; Staff will participate in Borough Memorial Day activities; The library will be part of The Wetlands Institute's upcoming birthday celebration. Staff reviews featuring five questions generated good dialogue. The Staff Strategic Committee met April 24th and discussed our magazine selection/area, more videos to feature items and services, OverDrive marketing, increasing signage in the community, revising the Library Welcome Brochure, and One Book Avalon Program.

Nina Ranalli – We received updated plans for more space and will review both sets. Content for upcoming Early Avalon exhibit has been finalized and sent to Seven Mile Publishing for design and print. The exhibit will open June 15th.

Motion to approve the collections acquisitions made by John McCorristin, seconded by Lynn Schwartz. Approved by all. The acquisitions include: (Jacqueline Bagley) digital copy of photocopy of 1916 house at 141 33rd St., Avalon; (Liz Matt via Ted Burke) Avalon Players press clippings, etc. 1968; (Carl Mattia) 2 x Fabulous Greaseband posters, Draftman's desk & 2 x lamps (Mayor's desk); (D. Skinner) 1966 "Historical Study of Borough of Avalon" project report by Fred G. Postick, including handwritten note from Mayor Bell; (Jack & Mimi Donlevie) Avalon Players – "The Dream" program from 1990; (Dave Coskey) copy & enlargement of photo of pier, copy & enlargement of photo of Avalon sign, copy & enlargement of photo of Whitebrier, copy & enlargement of photo of Diller home, copy & enlargement of photo of Avalon Hotel – Bongo room visible, copy & enlargement of photo of pier at sunset/sunrise; (Bob Penrose) large wooden Fishing Pier sign.

Patty Davis gave the Seven Mile Publishing update. April dedicated averaged over 50% open rate. June will focus on non-traditional loanable items: baking pans, tech, discovery kits, binge boxes, etc. – we're not just a book library. Also, the Book Bash event and Carol Fitzgerald's Beach Book Picks Program. We are finalizing the AvalonHistoryCenter.org redesign and estimate a launch before Memorial Day Weekend. We are busy planning for summer: Summer Guide, Kids' Summer Guide, Teen Rack Card, Coloring Book, pieces for the Summer Reading Program launch Friday of Memorial Day Weekend, and the Book Bash at the end of June. Plus, a planned major launch for The Bay Atlantic Symphony concerts and finally an announcement about all authors coming through the summer.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 9-19, Amending Loan Rules for Patron Borrowing made by Richard Hoy, seconded by John McCorristin. Approved by all.

Jacquie Ewing read into the record a Thank You card from attendees to the Avalon Senior Center cooking classes which occur between October and May.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Carl Mattia, seconded by Richard Hoy. Approved by all. Meeting adjourned 4:49 pm.