

Avalon Free Public Library
Board of Trustees
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MAY 13, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Avalon Free Public Library was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 4:00 pm at the Avalon Elementary School Gym.

Attendance: Public - - - - - 0

The meeting was called to order by President Ewing.

Pledge of allegiance.

<u>Roll call:</u>	President Jacquie Ewing	Present
	Trustee Richard Hoy	Absent
	Vice President Carl Mattia	Present
	Trustee John McCorristin	Present
	Trustee Kate Nestor	Present
	Mayor Martin L. Pagliughi	Absent
	Trustee Michele Petrucci	Present
	Secretary D. Lynn Schwartz	Present
	Treasurer Jim Thatcher	Present
	Trustee Stacey Tracy	Absent

Also present:

Erin Brown, Director
Patty Davis, Seven Mile Publishing

President Ewing read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes Memorialized– April 8, 2021

Motion made by Trustee Petrucci, seconded by Secretary Schwartz that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Check Authorization:

Motion made by Trustee McCorristin, seconded by Treasurer Thatcher to approve the payment of 46 checks totaling \$216,885.88. Motion passed unanimously by those present. A list of the checks is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Directors' Report:

Director Brown's report was forwarded to the Trustees via e-mail and is on file with the Recording Secretary. The Director acknowledged Library employees Elizabeth Hogan and Shannon Nagle who recently celebrated 15 years of service. The Library Grand Opening anniversary will occur in May, to be celebrated at a later date. The History Center has been focused on personnel and hiring. There were five applicants for the year-round, part time Program Assistant position at the History Center. The Director recommends Kelly McCorristin for the PT Program Assistant position at the History Center at a rate of \$20./hour for 19 hours a week, effective June 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021.

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Motion was made by Vice-President Mattia, seconded by Trustee Petrucci to approve the hiring. Motion passed unanimously by those present with John McCorristin abstaining.

Director Brown anticipates the reduction of quarantining materials and public seating at the library will be resuming. Summer events will be primarily virtual with some in person outdoor events for adults. Bay Atlantic Symphony will present "Sunset Symphonies", which are pre-recorded and twenty (20) minutes in length. There are two summer features scheduled; a StoryWalk®, which is incorporate story book panels in the AVES field leading to the playground with stories changing periodically. Also, a community wide "Scavenger Hunt, available at the Library and History Center. The Director anticipates in-person programming to resume in September depending on what rules are in place at that time. The History Center garden has been cleaned and is an outdoor space for patrons to gather and the Avalon Pier exhibit is now open.

Seven Mile Publishing Update:

Patty Davis' Board Report was presented using a slideshow presentation. Ms. Davis gave statistics for April that included social media's reach at approximately 18,000. Weekly e-mails and monthly previews continue and there will be a dedicated e-mail for the summer reading program. Kanopy Kids is the featured resource that accesses children's movies and books. The Memorial Day issue of the 7 Mile Times will include all of the May & June events. The coloring book and summer reading giveaways are finished.

New Business:

Trustee McCorristin updated the Trustees on cannabis based on the Avalon Borough Council's meeting held on May 12, 2021. Depending on what information the Borough releases on the topic, the Library will then make that information available to the community.

RESOLUTION 7-2021 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEACCESSION OF TWO (2) COMPUTERS FROM THE LIBRARY'S CHILDREN'S ROOM

Motion was made by Trustee McCorristin, seconded by Trustee Petrucci to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Secretary Schwartz, seconded by Vice-President Mattia to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly F. Mastriana, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Jacquie Ewing, Board President

ATTESTED: _____
D. Lynn Schwartz, Board Secretary