

Avalon Free Public Library
Board of Trustees
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Avalon Free Public Library was held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 4:00 pm in the Library Meeting Room.

Attendance: Public - - - - - 0

The meeting was called to order by President Ewing. Ms. Ewing read the Open Public Meetings Act. Pledge of allegiance.

Roll call:

Present: President Jacquie Ewing, Trustee Kathy Fox, Trustee Richard Hoy, Vice President Carl Mattia, Trustee John McCorristin, Trustee Kate Nestor, Secretary Lynn Schwartz, and Treasurer Jim Thatcher

Absent: Mayor Martin L. Pagliughi and Michele Petrucci

Also present:

Erin Brown, Director
Patty Davis, 7 Mile Times
Monica Coskey, 7 Mile Times

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes Memorialized– September 9, 2021

Motion made by Treasurer Thatcher, seconded by Vice President Mattia that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously by remainder of those present.

Check Authorization:

Motion made by Treasurer Thatcher, seconded by Vice President Mattia to approve the payment of 40 checks totaling \$403,742.71. Motion passed unanimously by those present. A list of the checks is attached and made a part of these minutes.

John McCorristin arrived at 4:05 pm and Richard Hoy arrived at 4:11 pm.

Director Brown sought a motion to post a job opening to hire a part time Business Assistant position at a rate of \$26.00 per hour for up to 19 hours per week to begin in December 2021. Motion made by Trustee McCorristin, seconded by Vice President Mattia. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Director Brown sought a motion to post a job opening to hire a part time Museum Assistant position at a rate of \$17.50 per hour for up to 19 hours per week to begin in December 2021. Motion made by Secretary Schwartz, seconded by Vice President Mattia. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Director Brown sought a motion to hire Nancy Jacketti for the position of part time On-Call Library Assistant at a rate of \$17.50 per hour for up to 19 hours per week, starting October 17, 2021. Motion made by Trustee McCorristin, seconded by Trustee Nestor. Trustee McCorristin abstained. Motion passed unanimously by remaining Trustees present.

Motion made by Vice President Mattia, seconded by Secretary Schwartz to approve the History Center collections acquisitions. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

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The acquisitions include:

- Bonnie Denver Ruttan – June 2021 (father – Richard “Denny” Denver was founder of Avalon Rescue Squad), Avalon Beach Front Corp.” Cottage Modern” brochure, 7 x Avalon postcards o 1982 receipt & thank-you letter from Maris Stella Rectory for \$5000 donation, Sea Gate/ Treasure Island promotional advertisement, 3 x 1993 photographs – Sylvester’s, Sullivan’s interior, Boardwalk restaurant interior, Local business keyring – Morhard-Tafel, Inc., 1967 letter in envelope from Graham Entertainment Bureau re – Avalon Vol. Fire Dept event, 1983 Maris Stella booklet, April 1962 7 Mile Beach reporter newspaper clipping, Aug. 1979 Herald & Lantern newspaper article re - Avalon quilting class, Avalon Hotel notepad, Chamber of Commerce Avalon directory, Avalon rescue Squad info., 5 x 1959 ABP photos, 2 x copies of “The Lance” from 1960 – “The Red Sargent Story” (we have 1 of these) & “Parade of the Bombed Beach Boys” • Rose Marie Chew - July 2021 4 x baseball caps – Donnelly’s, John Honer Jr. Painting, Avalon Vol. FD 75th anniversary, TK Charities, Inc • George Filippi - 07/23/2021 B&W and color photographs of Storm of ‘62, Boardwalk postcard (we have 1 in collection), 1966 (films featured from 1966) Avalon movie theater flyer, 1971 (films featured from 1966) Avalon movie theater poster/billboard • Ed Fitzpatrick - 07/26/2021 3 x 1950s photos of 21st St. ice cream store with donor’s grandmother & mother AVALON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY & HISTORY CENTER REPORT – September 2021 Report to the Library Board of Trustees October 14, 2021 – contents cover – September 4 to October 10, 2021 • Michael Scythes - 07/26/2021 Local business matchbooks (on exhibit in library foyer case) • Colleen Cameron - 08/03/2021 8 x sheets of 1960s Stratton Realtors property listings with photos (none of these buildings are standing today) • James Brazel - 08/06/2021 1969 Phillips Rock’n Chair paper coaster, 1969 Gallagher’s Pub & Restaurant matchbook cover • Jim Talone for Stone Harbor Museum - 08/10/2021 1974 Beach tag • Laura Pyott - 08/18/2021 1930s bound report by Board of Commerce & Navigation on Erosion & Protection of NJ Beaches • Gudrun Jorgensen - 08/19/2021 1985 Sullivan’s Dept. Store menu/ directory/ brochure • Allan W. Kratz - 08/28/2021 16 x assorted beach tags (inc. 5 x 1970s tags which we only have 1 each of on display board), Color photo of Avalon Hotel, 2002 color photo of jetty re-build, 1991 & 1996 beach replenishment photos, 3 x 1991 Avalon Ave house building photos, 1992 photos of 1328 Avalon Ave house rented by donor’s family, 3 x 2001 Avalon photos • Graham Hueber - 09/09/2021 2 x 1999 color photos of “Marble House” • Jim Gaskill - 09/13/2021 Obituary for William W. Cherry (Avalon drawbridge tender), 5 x B&W photos of Cherry family and Sunoco gas station o Season’s Greetings card of Cherry’s Sunoco gas station • Marianne Pinto - 09/15/2021 5 copies of family photos in Avalon – Antonio Pinto, Joseph Sr. & Joseph Jr. (donor’s husband) Pinto, Maryann & Joseph Jr. had previously donated Antonio Pinto photo (2006), missing from collection! • Bill & Bernadette Selgrath – 09/24/2021 49” x 95” Sylvester’s Fish Market & restaurant store sign (discovered under 2 other signs!) 2 x Sylvester’s T-shirts, Frisbee, Menu, Chip clip, Can cozy, Water bottle, Drawstring bag • Jim McCann - 09/24/2021 Digital photos of his property 132 12th St, plus list of previous owners, Digital images of interior & exterior of 1218 First Ave before it was demolished • Lois Scarpa - 09/25/2021 1972-’76 (?) aerial photo of area around 29th St & Avalon Ave

Directors’ Report:

Director Brown’s report was forwarded to the Trustees via e-mail and is on file with the Recording Secretary. The majority of in-person programs will return as of November, with the exception of a few virtual events at the request of the attendees. The History Center will lead Trunk or Treat with the “Railroad in Avalon”. The postcard will be mailed out in early November listing the upcoming programs. At the beginning of the year the school and library will replace the indoor and outdoor lighting with LED. Visitation is still low, but hours have expanded closing at 8:00 pm Monday through Friday with Saturday and Sunday hours 9:30 to 5:00 pm. New apps are now available for NY Times Games and NY Times Cooking.

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The History Center has been working on digitization projects that can be found online under "Digital Resources" on their website. Items include the Avalon Yacht Club Magazine, Avalon Beach Patrol yearbooks, Avalon Herald and Copies of the Round Table.

Seven Mile Publishing Update:

Patty Davis' Board Report was presented using a slideshow presentation. Ms. Davis gave statistics for September and social media reached approximately 25,000. Tutor.com is a featured resource and is available 24/7 for grades 2-12 with one-on-one support. Thanksgiving weekend festivities will feature live entertainment bringing back the 2020 bookings that were cancelled due to Covid19. Activities will include children's performances along Dune Drive. The November/December preview postcard is almost complete. The Avalon History Center is working on an Instagram challenge. Seven Mile will be focusing on museum passes, niche academy and return to the library for upcoming campaigns.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 13-2021- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN AUDITING SERVICES ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

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

RESOLUTION 14-2021- RESOLUTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN AMMENDMENT TO THE 2021 OPERATING BUDGET

Motion was made by Trustee Hoy seconded by Trustee Nestor to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously by those present

RESOLUTION 15-2021- RESOLUTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY ALLOCATING AMOUNTS IN THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR THE CAPITAL PLANS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2022, 2023, AND 2024

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

Motion to recess the public portion of the Regular Meeting and go into Closed Session made by Trustee McCorristin, seconded by Vice President Mattia. Approved by all.

Public portion of the Regular Meeting recessed at 4:32 pm.

Public portion of the Regular Meeting reconvened at 4:48 pm.

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Adjournment:

Motion made by Vice President Mattia, seconded by Trustee McCorristin to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those present. Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly F. Mastriana, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Jacquie Ewing, Board President

ATTESTED: _____
D. Lynn Schwartz, Board Secretary