

Avalon Free Public Library
Board of Trustees
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Avalon Free Public Library was held on Thursday, November 4, 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, Trustee Michele Petrucci, Secretary Lynn Schwartz, and Treasurer Jim Thatcher

Absent: Vice President Carl Mattia, Trustee John McCorristin, Trustee Kate Nestor, and Mayor Martin L. Pagliughi

Also present:

Erin Brown, Director
Monica Coskey, 7 Mile Times

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes Memorialized– October 14, 2021

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

Closed Session Meeting Minutes Memorialized– October 14, 2021

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

Check Authorization:

Motion made by Trustee Hoy, seconded by Treasurer Thatcher to approve the payment of 44 checks totaling \$591,946.32. 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. Nancy Jacketti was hired as the part time On Call Assistant and is working at both locations. Part time Museum Assistant and part time Business Assistant positions have been posted. There will be a budget meeting for 2022 with the Finance Committee prior to the December meeting. In-person program attendance has been inconsistent. Beginning in January there will be a program geared towards much younger attendees starting at the age of 6 months to 3 years, which will include nursery rhymes, music and stories. There are many kid's story times at 10 am in Cape May County, so Avalon's new story time will be moved to Wednesdays. Summer 2022 programs will incorporate additional music, but without duplicates or conflicts with other organizations in town. At this point most Authors are not willing to book indoor events, but there is talk of virtual or outdoor events. The new Check-It Out History Center newsletter will be mailed to Avalon property owners in late November. Drawings for new bookshelves on the porch has

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been approved to better organize that area. A meeting is scheduled on November 17, 2021 for the History Center building project.

Director Brown sought a motion to hire Mary Ecklund for the full-time position of Collection Development Librarian, for an annual salary of \$64,500. starting on December 6, 2021. Motion made by Trustee Petrucci, seconded by Trustee Hoy. Motion passed unanimously by remaining Trustees present.

Seven Mile Publishing Update:

Monica Coskey began the Board Report by giving statistics for October, there were 8 emails sent and social media reached approximately 16,000. The focus for November is NY Times Games and NY Times Cooking and weekly programs. Thanksgiving Weekend performances will include Polka Dot Ron, Mystic Drums, Lolly & Yoyo, and Jungle John. Coloring books, Santa hats and hot cocoa will be handed out from a table at 27th Street.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 16-2021- RESOLUTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A COVID-19 VACCINATION AND TESTING POLICY

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

Director Brown added the at home Covid-19 tests will be paid for through May 31, 2022, and at that point it will be revisited.

Trustee Fox informed the Trustees the building and sidewalks will be power washed and completed within a couple of weeks. This will not interfere with the school's activities and the contractor will work later in the day.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Hoy, seconded by Treasurer Thatcher to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those present. Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly F. Mastriana, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Jacquie Ewing, Board President

ATTESTED: _____
D. Lynn Schwartz, Board Secretary