

Avalon Free Public Library
Board of Trustees
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Avalon Free Public Library was held on Thursday, December 8, 2022 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 John McCorristin, Trustee Kate Nestor, Trustee Michele Petrucci, Treasurer Jim Thatcher, Secretary D. Lynn Schwartz

Absent: Vice-President Carl Mattia, Mayor Martin L. Pagliughi

Also present:

Erin Brown, Director

Patty Davis & Monica Coskey, 7 Mile Times

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes Memorialized– November 10, 2022

Motion made by Trustee McCorristin, seconded by Trustee Hoy that the minutes be approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Check Authorization:

Motion made by Treasurer Thatcher, seconded by Trustee Petrucci to approve the payment of 38 checks totaling \$620,021.10. 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 began with personnel updates. The interview process for the Assistant Director position is complete, a recommendation was made to the Personnel Committee and support was granted. Staff received fire extinguisher training from Lisa Sasdelli of the Avalon Fire Department. The 2022 return of surplus was approved by the NJ State Library and payment will be made to the Borough. Spring 2023 events planning is underway. Festive Friday welcomed over 900 patrons to the library as a stop for activities. President Ewing expects the word will spread and the number may increase for next year. History Center has finalized plans to focus on local businesses from the 1960's and 1970's in 2023 and is working on a variety of exhibits and programs. A piece of the Avalon Railroad was discovered during the firehouse excavation on November 23, 2022, and it has been transported to the History Center with the help of Public Works.

Director Brown sought a motion to hire Kara Buono as a year-round, full time Assistant Director for programming and engagement at an annual salary of \$88,500. with a start date of January 9, 2023.

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Motion made by Treasurer Thatcher, seconded by Trustee Petrucci. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Director Brown sought a motion to authorize a Facilities Use Form for an organization on January 25, 2023 for volunteer recruitment.

Motion made by Trustee Petrucci, seconded by Trustee Hoy. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Seven Mile Publishing Update:

Patty Davis began with social media statistics for November. Thanksgiving weekend activities had an excellent turnout and were moved to the Library and the Rock N Chair due to the rain. There are plans to utilize the renovated Firehouse for activities next year. The new email design is scheduled to launch for the January newsletter. Social Media reached over 13,000. The focus for December includes Unwrap-A-Book with gifts that unwrap the book and include a link to reserve it.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 19-2022- RESOLUTION OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE 2023 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

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

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Petrucci, seconded by Trustee Hoy to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those present. Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly F. Mastriana, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Jacquie Ewing, Board President

ATTESTED: _____
D. Lynn Schwartz, Board Secretary