

Avalon Free Public Library
Board of Trustees
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES MARCH 9, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Avalon Free Public Library was held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 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 Hoy, Vice-President Mattia, Trustee John McCorristin, Trustee Petrucci, Treasurer Jim Thatcher, Secretary D. Lynn Schwartz

Absent: Trustee Kate Nestor, Mayor Martin L. Pagliughi

Also present:

Erin Brown, Director

Monica Coskey, 7 Mile Times

Public Comments:

None

Minutes:

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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 McCorristin to approve the payment of 40 checks totaling \$154,277.95. 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 2022 audit report is expected in April or early May. Trustee McCorristin initiated a conversation regarding the revaluation in Avalon that is expected in 2025 and the potential increase to rateables. The library is sponsoring an additional summer concert, during Pickle Ball Weekend, increasing the total to 11 concerts. They are coordinating with new vendors to provide sound and other support for summer concerts and events due to price increases. Limited publications of newspapers and delivery now by the United States Postal Service, will change how information is sent out. The online survey distributed with the Gummy bear packets learning how patrons prefer to hear about events has had over 300 responses to date. Two mini exhibits taking place this summer will be at Duck Donuts and the Avalon Yacht Club to increase awareness and engagement with the History Center. The History Center is seeking donations related to businesses of the 1960's and 1970's. They are attempting to recreate a small portion of Sullivan's counter.

Director Brown sought a motion to hire up to three part-time seasonal Library Assistants at \$18.55 per hour and two part-time seasonal Program Assistants at \$20.60 per hour for up

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to 19 hours per week for ten weeks.

Motion made by Trustee Petrucci seconded by Secretary Schwartz. Motion passed unanimously by those present.

Seven Mile Publishing Update:

Monica Coskey was pleased to inform the Trustees that she spotted a "Check it Out" reusable bag in Marco Island, Florida being used by a library patron. The e-newsletters had an open of 49% and new books had an open rate of 71%. The monthly statistics revealed 94% of the patrons access by using a desktop computer, the highest reached were the kids programs, and women are the top audience. Events for March will include National Reading Month, Business Services and Kanopy featuring Oscar winners. They are working on include the April dedicated emails, 7 Mile Times Spring edition and summer programming.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee McCorristin, seconded by Vice President Mattia to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those present. Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly F. Mastriana, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Jacquie Ewing, Board President

ATTESTED: _____
D. Lynn Schwartz, Board Secretary