

LINDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
31 EAST HENRY STREET
LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING
BERNICE BEDRICK ROOM
MARCH 14, 2016

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been satisfied in that a "48-hour" notice has been transmitted to ***THE LOCAL SOURCE, HOME NEWS TRIBUNE, STAR LEDGER***, City Clerk, posted at City Hall and in the Library.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Robert Ayres
Joanna Colucci
Joan A. Konrad
Dorota Kotowski
Doris Matey
Diane Wilverding

Marilyn Coplan, President

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Purves
Mary Purves
Luray Rusnock

EXCUSED: Mayor Derek Armstead
Dr. Marlena Berghammer
Greg Martucci
Dr. Danny Robertozzi

MINUTES

On a motion by Doris Matey, seconded by Diane Wilverding and passed, approving the minutes of the previous meeting (February 8, 2016) as amended prepared and ordered filed. (page 3, paragraph 2 revise to "Ms. Wilverding spoke to the person in charge of the archives at the Rahway Library".)

CORRESPONDENCE

President Coplan reported on the correspondence that had been received since the last meeting:

- 1) Letter from George Orlando, President, Local 1-D, Wine, Liquor, Distillery Workers Union regarding the expired union contract and negotiations. The other issue was staffing concerns.
- 2) Letter from Accounts Clerk Luray Rusnock requesting larger office space.

TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

ROBERT AYRES, TREASURER:

- (1) Requesting approval to file the Treasurer's Report as prepared.
- (2) Requesting approval to authorize the payment of bills for the period of February 9, 2016 through March 14, 2016 in the amount of \$286,063.59.

A motion was made by Diane Wilverding, seconded by Doris Matey and passed approving the report.

Mr. Ayres reported we need to get a better handle on 2016.

A motion was made by Dorota Kotowski, seconded by Joan Konrad and passed to remove funds (\$2,000) from building account and transfer to TD Bank.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

DIANE WILVERDING, CHAIRPERSON:

Ms. Wilverding reported that she has met twice and is making progress with the scrapbooks with regard to the archives.

Ms. Wilverding asked about the status of the security guard.

Ms. Wilverding reported she intends to work on the grounds on Sunday. Mrs. Colucci said this may be a concern since the Library is closed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

JOANNA COLUCCI, CHAIRPERSON:

The Board hired three (3) library assistants at a previous meeting. Dawn Beviano started work on February 22, 2016 at a salary of \$15.26/hr. Jianna Gregorio started work on February 29, 2016 at a salary of \$15.26/hr. Nyoka Howell started work on March 7, 2016 at a salary of \$15.26/hr.

At the February meeting, the Board hired a Youth Services Librarian but has since then rescinded the agreement.

Thus following tonight's interviews, the hiring of Ginger Moore as a Librarian 1 (Youth Services) at a salary of \$50,765 effective March 17, 2016..

OPEN ROLL CALL VOTE:

AFFIRMATIVE: Robert Ayres
Joanna Colucci
Joan A. Konrad
Dorota Kotowski
Doris Matey
Diane Wilverding
Marilyn Coplan, President

FUND RAISING

DORIS MATEY, CHAIRPERSON:

Mrs. Matey read the report prepared by Friends President Dawn Beviano.

Applebee's – January - \$97

Wendy's- February - awaiting check

Annual Friends meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
All are invited.

Events

"Take your child to the library day" was held February 20th. Over 50 children and their families spent the day with us learning about the programs that the library offers, listening to stories, doing art and crafts, playing with legos, and being entertained by a children's variety show.

Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration was held March 2nd. We had about thirty (30) children and their families. Our guest readers were: Marilyn Coplan, Library Board President, Mayor Armstead, Freeholder Hudak, Councilwomen Cosby-Hurling and Yamakaitis, Fire Chief Dooley, local author Mark Kohut, Librarian Jeff Wayne. Pictures with Cat in the Hat were taken as well.

The Friends are working with Librarian Jeff Wayne for the movie series:

March is Women's History month. There are five (5) movies and five (5) autobiographies being shown this month.

Our April movies will be a tribute to Frank Sinatra with the following movies:

Wednesday, April 6 th at 6:00 p.m.	From Here to Eternity (1953)
Monday, April 11 th at 6:00 p.m.	The Manchurian Candidate (1962)
Monday, April 18 th at 3:00 p.m.	High Society (1956)
Monday, April 25 th at 6:00 p.m.	Ocean's Eleven (1960)

May movies will be 2015 Academy Award winners.

April 18th, local author Dennis Purves will speak about his books

April 27th, is Jazz night with the LHS Jazz ensemble and Grammy nominated American harmonica player and vocalist, formerly from Linden, Rob Paprozzi.

Upcoming Fundraisers – Dates are to be finalized

Murder Mystery Dinner

Touch a Truck

Chocolate Night

POLICY COMMITTEE

In the absence of Chairperson Dr. Marlena Berghammer, Ms. Wilverding reported):

NO REPORT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DIRECTOR DENNIS PURVES reported on:

- 1) The three part time library assistants have begun their employment. As neither candidate for the children's librarian position accepted the job offering (one declined and the other didn't come), a second round of interviews took place on Tuesday, March 8th. The two candidates will come to Monday's Board meeting for a second interview with one at 5:45 and the other at 6:05.
- 2) On Thursday, February 11th, I attended "Understanding the Legal Responsibility of Hiring, Firing, and Accommodation" at the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains.
- 3) Throughout the month senior librarians Sharon Albert and Elizabeth Piskorik have attended the RDA training webinar.
- 4) On Tuesday, February 23rd, I attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the library.
- 5) I anticipate attending the LUCC meeting held at Springfield Public Library on Friday, March 11th. While the location of the annual reception is still supposed to be Summit, I do not currently have a date for the event.
- 6) From February 4th through March 9th there were 3,385 checkouts, 3,373 checkins, and 444 renewals. The meeting rooms were used 28 times. The computer lab was used twice.
- 7) As per the request at last month's meeting, a more detailed report is included in the board packet which explains these statistics more clearly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bernice Bedrick Meeting Room, 31 E. Henry Street, Linden.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

President Coplan reported that Brad Creanzo will be at the Library to finish the film about reading. The host is Councilman Bob Sadowski. It will be run on Channel 36 and Facebook.

Friends of the Library President Dawn Beviano reported that she had spoken to the Director about Library Card Sign-up Month in September to promote the Library.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion Robert Ayres, seconded by Doris Matey and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Sincerely,

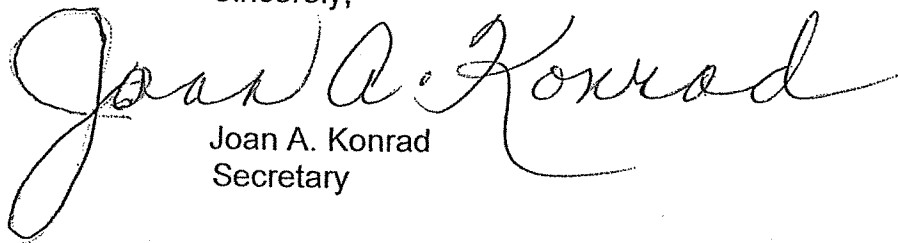
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Secretary

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan A. Konrad". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and title.

Joan A. Konrad
Secretary