

**LINDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
31 EAST HENRY STREET
LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
BOARD MEETING
BERNICE BEDRICK ROOM
OCTOBER 2nd, 2017**

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
Dr. Berghammer
Dorota Kotowski
Joan A. Konrad
Doris Matey
Maria Pizzelli
Marilyn Coplan, President

ALSO PRESENT:

Dennis Purves
Andrew Baron, Esq.

EXCUSED: Mayor Derek Armstead
Dr. Danny Robertozzi
Diane Wilverding

MINUTES

On motion by Mrs. Konrad, seconded by Dr. Berghammer, the minutes of the previous meetings (September 11th and September 18th, 2017) were approved with one change.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Purves read a letter from Sy Meyerson of EMAP (Entrepreneurial Management Achievement Program) asking the library board to consider changing the name of the library to either The Mansion Library of Literature and Arts or Linden Library of Literature and Arts. After discussion, the library board chose not to change the name.

TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Ayres, Treasurer:

The City still hasn't added the extra \$125,000 to the budget as promised.

Mrs. Coplan said she'd check on that.

Mr. Ayres reported that with the extra \$125,000 they should get through the year.

He reported that in a few weeks they should find out the minimum amount the city has to give for 2018.

He requested approval to authorize payment of bills for the period of September 12th through October 1st, 2017, in the amount of \$47,363.07 (general fund) and \$1,117.62 (building fund) for a grand total of \$48,481.29.

On a motion from Joan Konrad, seconded by Dr. Berghammer, the treasurer's report was approved.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Diane Wilverding, Chairperson:

No report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Joan Konrad, Chairperson:

Mr. Baron stated that the personnel issue would need to be dealt with in executive session.

FUND RAISING

Doris Matey, Chairperson:

The June 5th restaurant fundraiser at Blaze Pizza brought in \$34.05. They are awaiting the check for the July 10th restaurant fundraiser at Papa John's. There was no August fundraiser. The September 11th fundraiser at Friendly's brought in \$85.00. The October fundraiser is at Chipotle. They are working on locations for November and December.

The Super 50/50 will be drawn December 11th.

The designer bag bingo and small tricky tray has been changed to spring of 2018.

The Friends had a table at September to Remember.

2018 will be the library's 90th anniversary and they are working on programming and events.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Diane Wilverding, Co-chairperson/Dr. Berghammer, Co-chairperson:

Mr. Purves said he would discuss the policy change requests as part of this director's report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Dennis Purves reported on:

(1) On Tuesday, September 19th, the side of the building was defaced by a student. The act was caught on camera and the student has been identified. The matter has been turned over to the police.

(2) On September 15th, children's librarian Ginger Moore attended the YS-LUCC meeting held at the Cranford Public Library.

A request to change the loan period for both museum passes and full season DVD sets to change to seven days.

On a motion from Joan Konrad, seconded by Mr. Ayres, the policy for museum passes to go out for seven days was passed.

On a motion from Mr. Ayres, seconded by Dr. Berghammer, the policy for season set DVDs to go out for seven days was passed.

Mrs. Coplan asked if patrons complain about the one dollar charge for DVDs. Mr. Purves said they do. She then asked if other libraries charge and he replied that some do and some don't.

(3) On Tuesday, September 26th, I attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the library.

(4) From September 8th through September 27th there were 2,357 checkouts, 3,101 check-ins, and 259 renewals. The meeting rooms were used 27 times in September, and the computer lab was used once. There have been 141 borrowers added so far in September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Konrad suggested canceling the December board meeting. Mr. Ayres said they should wait until November to see if anything is happening that can't wait until January. Mr. Baron pointed out that bills would have to be paid and a resolution would need to be passed at the November meeting authorizing payment of bills.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 11th, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Bernice Bedrick Room, 31 E. Henry Street, Linden.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Senior Librarian Elizabeth Piskorik pointed out that all over the world people search for libraries under that word and the name of the library shouldn't be changed.

On a motion from Mr. Ayres, seconded by Mrs. Konrad, the meeting was closed so that the board could go into executive session.

On a motion from Mrs. Pizzelli, seconded by Dr. Berghammer, the board went into executive session.

On a motion from Mrs. Kotowski, seconded by Dr. Berghammer, the board came out of executive session.

On a motion from Mrs. Matey, seconded by Mrs. Konrad, the meeting was reopened.

On a motion from Dr. Berghammer, seconded by Mrs. Konrad, the meeting was closed.

Dr. Berghammer said they needed to discuss a policy.

Mr. Baron said they would have to reopen the meeting and go into executive session.

On a motion from Mrs. Konrad, seconded by Dr. Berghammer, the meeting was reopened.

On a motion from Mrs. Konrad, seconded by Mr. Ayres, the board went into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Matey, seconded by Mrs. Kotowski and passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Sincerely,

Joan A. Konrad
Secretary