

MINUTES
GARFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Wednesday,
April 26, 2023

The regular meeting of Wednesday, April 26, 2023 was called to order at 7:00 PM by President, Raymond Rivas.

1. President Raymond Rivas asked for the Roll Call:

Present:

President, Raymond Rivas
Vice President Ruth Springer
Treasurer Suny Mellawa
Secretary Michael Kupec, Jr.
Trustee, Thomas Derr
Alternate for Superintendent Anna Sciacca, Marie Marx (via Zoom)
Director, Mary Jo Jennings

Absent:

Acting Superintendent of Schools, Nick Perapato
Alternate for Mayor Richard Rigoglioso, Christopher Braitsch (via Zoom,
but cannot vote)
Mayor, Richard Rigoglioso

2. President, Raymond Rivas read the following statement:

- Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1976, adequate written notice of this meeting, together with the agenda of this meeting is to be:
- permanently posted on the Board's officially designated public bulletin board, located in the Garfield Public Library lobby, 500 Midland Avenue, in the City of Garfield
- delivered to the Passaic Herald News, and the Community News, newspapers circulating in the City of Garfield,
- filed with the City Clerk of the City of Garfield; and
- mailed to all persons, if any, who have requested said notice, pursuant
- to Section 14 of Chapter 231, Laws of 1976.

3. Motion made by Suny Mellawa to accept the minutes and seconded by Ruth Springer. Unanimously approved,

Motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. Communications: We received a 5 Star rating on Google from a patron who said our library and staff were "good".

5. Community Room Request: No requests to book the room.

6. No comments on the Director's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

7. [Michael Kupec Jr.](#) noted Christianna's modifications. [Mary Jo Jennings](#) indicated that using this new format, we may need to print on legal size paper going forward. (Moving to a smaller font will make it difficult to read.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Centennial Committee Report: Mary Jo Jenning reported that we are SOLD OUT. (300 tickets sold and 15 on waiting list) Still accepting ads. Deadline May 11th. We need a picture (of the board) for the ad book. Let's meet on Sunday at 12:30pm.

9. Foundation Report: Ruth Springer hopes to have something in place before her term is over in December.

10. Friends Report: Nothing new to report, as we have not met since before the last Trustees' Meeting. We do have a Book Sale scheduled for May 13th. [Michael Kupec Jr.](#) thanked Thomas Derr for volunteering to float our "potential events list" by his 120 students for feedback. Thomas said that he and Chris were in the midsts of "reformulating" the Teen Council and will run it by them as well...and also his Middle School Track Team.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Health Benefits Deductions: Mary Jo Jennings reported that the union contract has been violated. It expired in 2022. It stays in effect until the new contract is drawn up and agreed upon. Suny Mellawa volunteered to meet with City Hall to discuss a "go forward plan" with regard to deductions.

12. Hours of Operation (Relative to Centennial Gala): Motion made by [Suny Mellawa](#) and seconded by [Ruth Springer](#) to close the Library at 2:00pm on the day of the Gala. Motion passed. Motion made by Michael Kupec, Jr. and seconded by Ruth Springer to have a late opening (11:00am) on the day following the Gala. Motion passed.

12. Personnel: There is a full time Library Assistant position open. The position will be open to Civil Service.

13. Michael Kupec, Jr. made the following motion and Thomas Derr seconded.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Meeting of the Garfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Resolution was unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kupec, Jr.
Trustee / Secretary