

MINUTES

GARFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Wednesday,

October 25, 2023

The regular meeting of Wednesday, October 25, 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
Second Vice President, Thomas Derr
Treasurer Suny Mellawa
Secretary Michael Kupec, Jr.
Director, Mary Jo Jennings

Absent:

Acting Superintendent of Schools, Nick Perrapato
Alternate for Acting Superintendent Nick Perapato, Marie Marx
Alternate for Mayor Richard Rigoglioso, Christopher Braitsch
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
- 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.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4.No questions on the Director's Report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

5. No communications.

COMMUNITY ROOM REQUESTS:

6. No new requests

TREASURER'S REPORT

7. Suny requested that the Treasurer's Report be issued at least 2 days before the our monthly meeting so that it can be reviewed properly.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

8. No report.

FRIENDS REPORT:

9. Michael noted nothing "new" to add to my previous (handout) report of events/ideas. However, based upon survey results, we are tentatively looking at bus trips to the Camden Aquarium (March/April time period) and NJ Botanical Garden in Ringwood (May/June time period). Michael also reported that in the near future, upcoming event information will be shared with "PTA" and "Home and School Association" Presidents. Friends are eager to launch a quarterly newsletter. Thomas suggested we reach out to a GHS teacher (Robert Gilligan) for available deals/discounts.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

10.MaryJo indicated the finalization of report is hinged on outstanding checks. The Centennial Committee will be paying for the Tree Lighting Event. (Owing to the unresolved union contract, the staff will not be handling the event as usual and so, the Trustees will step-up and organize this year.)

OLD BUSINESS:

11. MaryJo reminded us the by-laws need to be printed and signed.

12. Michael reported that Kevin Boswell of Boswell Engineering has not yet returned his call regarding the "Building Assessment" performed a few years ago. Michael brought to the attention of the board a door that sticks in the lower level and loose stair edging in the same area-both need attention.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made by Michael and seconded by Ruth to adjourn.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Meeting of the Garfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees was adjourned at 8:00PM. Resolution was unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kupec, Jr.

Trustee / Secretary