

MINUTES

GARFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Wednesday,

December 27, 2023

The regular meeting of Wednesday, December 27, 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.

Alternate for Mayor Richard Rigoglioso, Christopher Braitsch

Alternate for Acting Superintendent Nick Perapato,

Director, Mary Jo Jennings

Absent:

Acting Superintendent of Schools, Nick Perrapato

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 Christopher Braitsch. Unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. No Comments.

COMMUNICATIONS:

5. No communications.

COMMUNITY ROOM REQUESTS:

6. Councilman Pawel Maslag has requested use of the room from January thru June (once per month) to hold "AI" Discussion Group.

TREASURER'S REPORT

7. Suny Mellawa has more questions and will follow-up with MaryJo offline.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

8. No report.

FRIENDS REPORT:

9. Michael shared a handout of upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS:

10. Tree Lighting Event – Massively successful!

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Raymond thanked Ruth Springer for her 23 years of service.

12. Raymond noted that we are searching for a new, additional Board Trustee.

13. A reorganization meeting has been scheduled for January 3, 2024.

14. Marie Marx reported on a new group in our area - "Revolution New Jersey"; they are actively inviting organizations to register with them. It will highlight Garfield's role in the Revolution.

Adjournment:

14. Motion made by Suny Mellawa and seconded by Christopher Braitsch to adjourn.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kupec, Jr.

Trustee / Secretary

To be voted upon at the next meeting.