

LIBRARY MINUTES

February 27, 2023

The February regular monthly meeting of the Pompton Lakes Public Library was called to order by Anne Keating at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023, in the meeting room of the Pompton Lakes Library, 333 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442. The statement of compliance was read.

Present: Brianne Ahlborn, Ms. Sheryl Bossak (V)*, Mrs. Anne Keating, Ms. Melissa Serra, Dr. Jayne Tanis, Mr. Michael Drazek, Director - *(V-Virtual)

Absent: Mrs. Margaret Kaffka, Mrs. Lisa Kihlberg

Minutes: The January 2023 regular meeting minutes were examined. A motion was made by Melissa Serra to accept the minutes, seconded by Dr. Jayne Tanis, carried.
The January 2023 reorganization meeting minutes were examined. A motion was made by Dr. Jayne Tanis to accept the minutes, seconded by Melissa Serra, carried.

Meeting Opened for Public Comments – The meeting was opened for public comments at 7:08pm.

Collection and Finance

Collection report and bill lists were reviewed. Michael commented that collections have gone up since December. The new bill list distributed earlier today was reviewed.

A motion was made to approve payment of the Budget 2023 Bills on the February 2023 Bill List from the Borough Checking account by Anne Keating, seconded by Sheryl Bossak, carried.

Director's Report

The Director's Report was reviewed. Discussions followed. Michael explained that the sump pump has been replaced, the boiler is working well and fire extinguishers have been recharged. Sheryl was concerned that the library needed to be closed due to illness and absences of staff. Michael explained it was an unfortunate perfect storm but posted closure on website, Facebook, Cancellation.com and left message on answering machine.

Friends of the Library Report

Shirley reported on behalf of the Friends of the Library. The treasury report is at \$9,421. The recent Winterfest brought in \$98 in donations. Shirley explained Amazon Smile ended in February. Fortunately, it was not something they relied on. Thanks to sponsors, eighteen of the digitized high school yearbooks will have dedication pages. There are two more movies to be shown at the library. Next one is Silence of the Lambs and the last one will be A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, which will be tied in with One Book One Town. A volunteer will make a poster to help advertise it. In addition, Lori Origlio will have signs made to indicate that the Friends of the Library have planted and maintain the flowers on the library grounds. Members have been in contact with Keith Lockwood to discuss a 12-week sign language program to be held Fridays after 5pm. More details to follow. They are also working with a local author for a book talk on baseball. Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2023 at 6pm.

Old Business

New Addition Smoke Detectors – Michael contacted Ultrasafe Security Systems to install smoke detectors in the new bathroom/entryway addition. Hoping to have completed it by the next meeting.

New Business

NJ State Aid Report – Michael is working on completing the report. He's waiting for Pals Plus data, financial information, and programming. He will have members review it before submitting.

Internet Connection 2023 – Michael explained the NJ State Library offers discounts for library internet connections through Pals Plus. Our current provider is Optimum, but Pals Plus recommends the faster and more stable connection with Verizon at \$153 per month, which is about \$50 more than our current Optimum plan. Michael advised that the Optimum connection has not been an issue but would like to see if there will be an increase for Optimum next month. A decision will need to be made by the end of March. Members will decide then.

April is Financial Information Month – Michael shared pamphlet and information provided by Jennifer Polidori, a Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor, who would like to offer a financial class for 15-year-olds at the library. Discussion followed. It was determined that a financial class would be a great idea, however any branding would need to be removed from the material. In addition, Dr. Jayne Tanis explained that Lakeside Middle School will be offering financial literacy courses as well and would like to include the material from these. More details to follow.

Meeting Closed for Public Comments – The meeting was opened for public comments at 7:39pm. Being that there were no public comments or questions, the open portion of the meeting was closed at 7:39pm.

Meeting Adjourned – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm by Anne Keating, seconded by Dr. Jayne Tanis, carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.