

LIBRARY MINUTES

March 20, 2023

The March regular monthly meeting of the Pompton Lakes Public Library was called to order by Anne Keating at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 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. Margaret Kaffka, Mrs. Anne Keating, Mrs. Lisa Kihlberg, Ms. Melissa Serra, Dr. Jayne Tanis, Mr. Michael Drazek, Director, Councilman Erik DeLine (V)* - *(V-Virtual)

Absent: None

Minutes: The February 2023 regular meeting minutes were examined. A motion was made by Anne Keating to accept the minutes, seconded by Dr. Jayne Tanis, carried.

Meeting Opened for Public Comments – The meeting was opened for public comments at 7:04pm.

Collection and Finance

Collection report and bill lists were reviewed. Michael commented that collections had a slight increase again.

A motion was made to approve payment of the Budget 2023 Bills on the March 2023 Bill List from the Borough Checking account by Lisa Kihlberg, seconded by Margaret Kaffka, carried.

Director's Report

The Director's Report was reviewed. Discussions followed. Michael explained the smoke detectors have not been installed yet due to weather delays. QuickBooks subscription has been renewed. Michael met with borough administrator to discuss the library's capital needs. He was informed that the grant writer has already applied for grant money. In addition, Michael received news explaining that there might be FEMA money and historical funds available as well. Discussion followed about designating the library as historic and higher costs. However, councilman Erik DeLine advised repairs would be interpretive and not necessarily more expensive. Further discussion continued of exterior repairs and what looks like water damage to the inside wall of the meeting room above the fireplace.

Friends of the Library Report

Shirley reported on behalf of the Friends of the Library. The treasury report is at \$9,677. National Library Week is 4/23-4/29/23. The Friends of the Library will present Cardinal Café gift certificates to library staff on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, which is National Library Day. The book sale will be on May 13, 2023, same day as Paint and Plant event planned at the library. High School digitization for the years 1966 to 2023 has received eighteen sponsors. The book to screen film series was lightly attended. The summer film series will be all about family musicals. They will start at the end of August when it starts to get darker earlier. Library plantings have been added, helping to provide a decorative atmosphere as you pass by. Application has been submitted to AARP grant program to be used for purchase of new benches to replace the cement ones. The plan is to purchase similar ones to the one the Pompton Lakes Woman's Club donated. Funeral homes will be contacted about bequests. Keith Lockwood will be invited to the next meeting to discuss a 12-week sign language program to be held Fridays after 5pm. More details to follow. Next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2023, at 6pm.

Old Business

New Addition Smoke Detectors – Permits have been approved. Weather delays have postponed installation of smoke detectors in the new bathroom/entryway addition.

NJ State Aid Report – Michael completed and submitted the report on March 15, 2023.

Internet Connection 2023 – Michael explained the differences between two options for internet. He explained that the NJ State Library offers discounts for library internet connections through Pals Plus. Our current provider is Optimum, but Pals Plus also offers what they say is a 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 current Optimum connection has not been an issue.

Anne Keating made a motion to continue with the current plan with Optimum through Net Wolves at \$98 per month, seconded by Lisa Kihlberg, all in favor.

Financial Literacy Month Programs – Councilwoman Jennifer Polidori’s proposal for a financial literacy class geared towards 15-year-olds at the library was discussed. It was clarified that no branding will be used, but instead books will be read followed by an open discussion about financial responsibility. The class is to be held on Wednesday afternoons in April. Anne Keating made a motion to accept Jennifer Polidori’s offer to conduct a financial literacy class in the month of April, seconded by Lisa Kihlberg, all in favor.

New Business

BID Events - List of upcoming events were discussed, including concerts, Paint and Plant, Pumpkin Painting and Scarecrow contest. When the library is closed, access to just the bathrooms can be given.

PRIDE Month Event – Helene Zablocki submitted letter requesting use of library for PRIDE event to be held Saturday, June 24, 2023, from 1 to 5pm. Michael reminded members that the library hours for Saturday that day are 10am to 2pm. Discussion followed. It was suggested to contact the borough attorney for advice and insurance needs. Tabled until next month.

Pompton Lakes Woman’s Club Donation – A donation of \$1000 was received from the Pompton Lakes Woman’s Club. It will be used to purchase a display board for the downstairs and there might be enough money left over to purchase a smaller display board for the children’s room. Michael was very grateful for the generous gift.

Meeting Closed for Public Comments – Being that there were no public comments or questions, the open portion of the meeting was closed at 7:50pm.

Meeting Adjourned – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm by Anne Keating, seconded by Lisa Kihlberg, carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.