

LIBRARY MINUTES

May 15, 2023

The May regular monthly meeting of the Pompton Lakes Public Library was called to order by Anne Keating at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023, in the meeting room of the Pompton Lakes Library, 333 Wanaque Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442. The statement of compliance was read.

Present: Ms. Sheryl Bossak, Mrs. Anne Keating, Mrs. Lisa Kihlberg, Ms. Melissa Serra, Dr. Jayne Tanis, Mr. Michael Drazek, Director, Councilman Erik DeLine

Absent: Brianne Ahlborn, Mrs. Margaret Kaffka

Minutes: The April 2023 regular meeting minutes were examined. A motion was made by Anne Keating to accept the minutes, seconded by Sheryl Bossak, carried.

Collection and Finance

Collection report and bill lists were reviewed. Michael commented that collections had a slight drop, but still higher than last year at this time.

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

Director's Report

The Director's Report was reviewed. Discussions followed. Michael advised that the yellow paint added to the back entrance stairs has been a good safety addition and the downstairs bathroom sink has been tightened. The children's librarian has taken a leave of absence meaning that story time will be suspended until she returns. Staffing will be scarce due to leave of absence, but college students will be available for the summer. Using a temp agency would be costly.

Meeting Opened for Public Comments – No public present.

Friends of the Library Report

Shirley reported on behalf of the Friends of the Library. The treasury report is at \$9,634.00. Spring newsletter was emailed to subscribers and is posted on the library website as well. Book sale held May 13th collected \$151.50 in donations. Flowers will be planted at the library soon, choosing deer resistant varieties. Summer film festival will start after summer concert series has completed and when it starts to get darker earlier. There will be four showings each starting at 8pm on August 17th with Greece, August 24th with Mama Mia, September 7th with Hairspray, and September 14th with Little Shop of Horrors. Museum passes are becoming too expensive and will not be purchased. The group will be participating in the National Night Out on August 1st. Next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023, at 6pm.

Old Business

Book Drop – The current book drop is starting to crack and will need to be replaced. Michael provided options for a new one and discussion followed. The current drop is for books only. The proposed new one would also include a media slot. Pricing was discussed. Melissa advised that she will get information on pricing for a book drop that was offered to the elementary school. She will research and provide updates for the next meeting. Once decided, funds will come from the library account's state aid.

Facilities Use Policy Review – After reviewing the borough attorney's recommendations of our current by-laws on public use of library grounds, and further discussion, it was determined the wording of criteria number two would not be changed. All members agreed to leave library use policy as is.

Electronic Boards – Michael shared electronic board monitor information with members. It will include a built-in player to display upcoming events and announcements. It is to be placed on the wall as you come in the back entrance. Thank you to the Pompton Lakes Woman's Club.

New Business

Pompton Lakes Recreation Department Request Usage of Library Lawn – Karen Murphy of the PL Recreation Department has requested use of the library lawn on Mondays or Tuesdays at 6pm for Yoga. Members approved the request if they adhere to the six points of the facilities use policy. Anne Keating made a motion to approve usage of the library lawn by the PL Recreation Department, seconded by Lisa Kihlberg, all in favor.

Security Cameras – Sheryl Bossak suggested security cameras be installed at the library. Details to follow.

Meeting Closed for Public Comments – Being that there were no public comments or questions, the open portion of the meeting was closed at 7:53pm.

Meeting Adjourned – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm by Anne Keating, seconded by Lisa Kihlberg, carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.