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**MINUTES OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 18, 2019**

ATTENDING:

Members

Lois Kane, President
Lillian Augustine
Lisa Chen
Robert Isaacs
Steve Dalina
Benjamin Baum
Helaine Evans
Saanya Linginini

Staff

Leah Wagner
Karen Klapperstuck

Friends of the Library

Joyce Ragucci
Michele Mucher

Public

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The meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lois Kane, Board President, presiding.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

It was noted that this meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2019 MEETING

Benjamin Baum moved that the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting be accepted. Robert Isaacs seconded. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Leah Wagner reported on the NJLA Conference and discussed her year as NJLA President. Her term ends on June 30 and she thanked the Board for their support over the past year.

Leah also discussed the NJ Association of Library Assistants (NJALA) Conference which a number of staff attended this year.

Leah updated the Board on Library Link NJ (LLNJ) and the upcoming delivery fees for all libraries who receive the service. Monroe Township Library's assessment will be \$955.00. There will be a 2% cap on any increases to the delivery fee.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Karen Klapperstuck updated the Board on the hiring of a part-time Reference Librarian and the advertising for a Welcome Desk staff member.

Karen also attend the NJLA Annual Conference , where she was the presenter of 2 programs.

Karen informed the Board that the Reference Department is currently evaluating a subscription to Kanopy, a streaming video service. Kanopy is pay-per-use which has made staff reluctant to begin the service.

Karen reported on Library staff participation in the EXCITE Transformation for Libraries program which was offered as a grant through the NJ State Library. Lynnette Fucci, Kelly Palombit, Emily Mazzoni and Karen were the representatives for Monroe Township Library.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was accepted as submitted.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

Steve Dalina reported giving Irene Goldberg a "key to the city" at the last council meeting. He also shared the Library's strategic plan with the council members.

At the Council meeting, Hy Grossman shared how much he appreciates the Library.

Steve mentioned that it is a relatively quiet agenda for the summer. The council will be combining agenda meetings and regular meetings.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Co-Presidents Joyce Ragucci and Michele Mucher reported that the Friends Tea and Booksale were very successful.

The program on Practicing Positive Psychology with Roopak Desai was also well received, with about 27 people in attendance.

There is a Friends of the Library meeting scheduled for June 25. International Films will continue for July and August. The music programs will also continue.

MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

It was reported that a new superintendent will start on July 1, 2019. And the High School graduation is scheduled for June 26 at 3pm.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Saanya Linginini reported on the Girl Up Club which donated money to girls in Africa.

The Board thanked Saanya for her contribution and time and congratulated her on her graduation.

FOUNDATION

Leah Wagner will sit down with Alaine Nesti during the week of June 24th to reassess and plan for the future.

ACTION ON BILLS

Benjamin Baum moved the payment of bills with checks #16823 - #16873, in the amount of \$404,670.40. Robert Isaacs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER

Lois Kane submitted the form on behalf of the Board for a paving brick in the Library's garden in memory of Carole Tamburro.

Lisa Chen attended the NJ Library Trustee Association meeting earlier in June. She said the meeting was very informative and discussed varied topics from Narcan training, active shooter training and the 2020 Census.

The next meeting of the Monroe Township Library Board of Trustees is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 17** at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Steve Dalina moved that the meeting adjourn. Robert Isaacs seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Klapperstuck