

W.H. Walters Free Public Library
1001 East Boulevard
Alpha, NJ 08865
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Date November 14, 2016

The Board of Trustees Meeting for November 14, 2016 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Library.

-Present at the meeting was Barbara Ryan, Steve Noll, Lisa LaCaruba, Dan Cullen, and Carla Roselle.

Absent were Mayor Craig Dunwell and Mike Trent

-Open Public Meeting Notice was read by the president and all stood for the Flag Salute.

-Lisa LaCaruba was appointed to the Library Board in October 2016 by Mayor Dunwell and approved by the Borough Council. Lisa LaCaruba was sworn in by President Barbara Ryan to the Library Board.

-Agenda Approved – motion made by Steve Noll and seconded by Lisa LaCaruba. All approved.

-Minutes Approved – There were no Minutes available for approval.

Treasurers Report – Steve Noll

Action on Bills: There were eleven bills pending approval for payment.

-Motion was made by Barbara Ryan and seconded by Lisa LaCaruba to pay all bills.

All Approved

-Steve Noll recommended that Gene Stocker be approved as the Library Bookkeeper for 2017. A resolution will be drafted and voted on next month.

-The Therapy Dogs program will have a \$200 fee associated with it for 2017. The Board all agreed that the success of this program and the positive effects this program has on the Borough children justifies this cost.

-Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Barbara Ryan and seconded by Lisa LaCaruba. All Approved

Correspondence – None

Librarians Report – Carla Roselle

Carla Roselle informed the Board that a new program called "Scribbles" is being looked into as an addition to the programs already offered at the Library. This program is run by Nina Cruz and is primarily

a program that encourages writing letters in cursive letters. Ms. Cruz is currently running this program at Panera Bread in Phillipsburg, NJ on Tuesday mornings for the month of November.

On December 5, at 6-7 pm, a Shop-Rite nutritionist will be at the Library to present the program "healthy Holiday Desserts".

Ms. Roselle also stated that she is beginning to review a preliminary budget for 2017.

Another emergency incident happened in the parking lot behind the Library and the emergency call button in the Library is still being directed to the Borough Public Works employees instead of the Police Department.

President's Report – Barbara Ryan

Barbara Ryan stated that security issues for the Library need to be brought to the attention of the Borough Council. Steve Noll agreed to bring this to the Borough Council at the next Borough meeting.

The revised By-Laws have been posted in the Library for public review and should be voted on next month. The Board members present discussed having a review of applicants interested in becoming Library Board members when vacancies need to be filled. The Board would select the most qualified applicants and recommendations would be determined and presented for the Mayor to make appointments. This action will be discussed before final vote on the By-Laws.

Committee Reports

Building and Technology – Barbara Ryan

Barbara Ryan stated that the security issues need to be addressed as soon as possible.

Books/Programs – Vacant

Carla Roselle restated the healthy Holiday Desserts program for December 5, 2016.

Membership – Mike Trent- No Report

School Principal - Daniel Cullen

Dan Cullen stated that this year he has challenged the students to preform several hours apiece doing Community Service projects. Carla Roselle added that she could use some of the upper class students to assist with ongoing Library projects. Both agreed that this could surely be incorporated into the program.

A Veterans' Day program was held on the Wednesday before Veterans' day this year because of the Teacher Conference being held over Veterans' Day.

Council Report - Mayor Dunwell - No Report

Motion to approve committee reports was made by Steve Noll and seconded by Lisa LaCaruba. All Approved

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Next meeting December 12, 2016

A motion to adjourn was made by Lisa LaCaruba and seconded by Steve Noll. All Approved.

Respectfully submitted by
Steve Noll