

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Free Public Library of Berkeley Heights
August 27, 2017
Prepared: August 28, 2017
Approved: September 11, 2017

This meeting had been scheduled for August 14, 2017. Adequate notice of this date change has been provided by posting same on the bulletin board at the Library and Town Hall and Legal Notices in the Star Ledger and Courier News, all in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The meeting was called to order by Sheila Buthe at 7:38 PM.

PRESENT: Raquel Fruchter, Sheila Buthe, Donna Boyd, Linda Nessenson.
ABSENT: Judith Rattner, Mayor Robert Woodruff, Ann Bunyaner (appointed to replace N. Rizzuti)
ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Bakos, Director; Laura Fuhro, Assistant Director.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- Minutes July 2017 and Executive Session Minutes March 2017: Nessenson asked that in the Executive Minutes "Sheila Nessenson" be amended to "Linda Nessenson"; all agreed. Nessenson motioned to approve the Executive Minutes and the Minutes of July 2017. Fruchter seconded the motion and all agreed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report for July was distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND GIFTS: Memorial Donations for Rena Birnbaum from Brian & Jennifer Russell and Eileen Beeman- The gifts, totaling \$225, will be saved for future use.

BOARD REPORTS: No reports.

CITIZEN HEARING ON AGENDA ITEMS: No citizens present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Circulation- Circulation was down. Discarding continues with 2,389 books and 180 AV items removed in July.
Building and Grounds – PSE&G and plumbing company resolving gas meter issues.
Other – LUCC Reception on September 14 at 6:30 at Linden Public Library-Board members are invited to attend.
An outdoor performance of the Taming of the Shrew was attended by 45 people despite the 90 degree temperature. End of Summer Reading was successful with animal and eclipse programs. A HotSpot loan policy was distributed for consideration.
Foundation – No report.
Marketing- No report.

LIAISON'S REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Move: L. Nessenson made a motion, seconded by D. Boyd to place the update letter by S. Buthe on the website, approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Union County Grant- \$4,500 for children's programs and materials – the grant will pay for several science, art, music and wildlife programs, as well as a starter collection of Playaway Launchpads for young users.
Update on Construction Bond Act (A222/S2171) – NJLA – The Construction Bond Act has been passed and will be on the ballot for voter approval in November.

Bakos distributed an information sheet showing comparison of fines for area libraries.

PUBLIC HEARING: No citizens present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- as necessary- No session needed.

ADJOURNMENT: Linda Nessenson motioned to adjourn, all agreed and the meeting ended at 8:01 pm.