

Roseland Free Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 1, 2019

**Call to Order:** 7:17 PM

**Attendance:**

- Present: Brian Flynn, Brian Donohue, Judy Nelson, Jen Overton, Christopher Bardi, Aristotle Popolizio, Dawn Afanador, Patricia Braga, Saumita Lepre, and Deborah Sessa
- Absent: Areti Khitiri

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Brian Flynn made a motion to approve the amended March Board Meeting Minutes, Judy Nelson seconded the motion, and they were unanimously approved.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**Correspondence:**

- None

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Judy Nelson presented the Treasurer's Report.
- Discussion took place regarding construction of the Quiet Room. It is anticipated that the room will be completed in about 2 weeks.
- Brian Flynn made a motion to approve the April Bill List, Aristotle Popolizio seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Librarian's Report:**

- Jen Overton presented the Librarian's Report.
- New furniture for the children's area has been ordered.
- Lauren Seiner was commended for her work in successfully organizing children's programs for the library.
- Preparation for the Summer Reading Program is in progress. Mayor Spango has shown interest in supporting the library in this endeavor.

- Multicultural Day will be taking place on Saturday, April 6 at 10:00-2:00. Fifteen-twenty countries will be represented. A stage for entertainment will include martial arts, bag pipers, and an opera singer. There will be stations with food and two food trucks.
- It was clarified that this event has been planned in collaboration with the HSA of Roseland.

### **Council Liaison's Report:**

- Christopher Bardi welcomed Patricia Braga as the newly appointed Roseland Library Board of Trustees member.
- The borough website is being updated.
- A borough newsletter is forthcoming. Jen Overton provided library information, to Maureen Chumacas, for inclusion in the newsletter.

### **Committee Reports:**

- None to report

### **Old Business:**

- Discussion of the Employee Handbook took place. It was decided that approval will be tabled until after it is reviewed by the library's attorney. Brian Flynn will contact the attorney to obtain a quote for the cost of the handbook review.
- As the Mayor's Liaison, Aristotle Popolizio is not permitted to serve as the Vice President. Brian Flynn made a motion to approve Brian Donohue as the Vice President, Aristotle Popolizio seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

- Brian Donohue shared that a resident commended Jen Overton and all her efforts to make the library successful.
- The members of the Personnel Committee will be Patricia Braga, Brian Donohue, and Saumita Lepre.
- Discussion took place regarding Fine Free for children during the Summer Reading Program in an effort to promote reading incentives. It was decided that Fine Free would take place during the summer for children only. Jen Overton will collect data and share this in September 2019.
- Jen Overton expressed that BCCLS will be going to a Universal Loan Period in 2020 and a Universal Fine System in 2021 with fine free being the way of the future.

- Discussion took place regarding increasing the copy machine fee to \$.25 per copy.
- Deborah Sessa shared information regarding an author visit to take place at Lester C. Noecker School. Phil Bildner will visit the school on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. The author visit is being sponsored by Lester C. Noecker School. An invitation was extended to Jen Overton to attend the visit and purchase books.
- Two concerts will take place in the Borough of Roseland on July 17 and August 6 at O'Bierne Field.

Aristotle Popolozio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8: 15 PM, Judy Nelson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting date: Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Sessa