

Watchung Library Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mission Statement

The mission of the Watchung Library Advisory Board is to advise, support and promote the interests of the Watchung Borough Public Library.

A meeting of the Library Advisory Board was held this day in the Bicentennial Room of the Watchung Library, 12 Stirling Road, Watchung, NJ 07069.

Call to Order

President Amy Fiorilla opened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM.

In Attendance

Amy Fiorilla, President
Margaret (Peggy) Ellis, Vice President
Eileen Dicken, Treasurer
Maureen Greenbaum, Member
Tamara Benc, Member
Annette von Brandis, Secretary
Daryl Eisenberg Knegten, Council Liaison
Hannah Kerwin, Branch Manager, Watchung Library
Tricia Keane, Valley View School Library & Media Specialist

Visitors

Pete Martino, Cori Haveson

Introduction

This is a meeting of the Library Advisory Board of the Borough of Watchung. This and all other meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Review of Minutes of the February 6, 2019 Meeting

The minutes of the February 6 meeting were approved as drafted.

Treasurer's Report

Eileen Dicken informed the Board of the following:

January Ending Balance	\$10,783.67	
February Deposits	\$398.59	branch portion of fine income
	\$5.61	fish donations
Debits	\$75.00	Aqua Service Pro. for fish tank maintenance
New Balance	\$11,112.87	

Reorganization

Officers were nominated, seconded, and voted on, with the result:

Amy Fiorilla will continue as President

Margaret (Peggy) Ellis will continue as Vice President

Eileen Dicken will continue as Treasurer

Maureen Greenbaum, Member

Tamara Benc will take on the role of Secretary

Annette von Brandis will step down as secretary, remain as member

Report of the Friends Liaison

Margaret Ellis reported that residents love to donate books; fundraising continues to be successful through the bookstore and membership. There will be a spring clearance sale, a "bag day" in addition to the "teachers' discount." The friends will be sponsoring a magician, already 40 people signed up plus there is a waitlist. They always try to accommodate everyone who shows up. A discussion ensued about the availability of seating and whether we should purchase additional folding chairs. It was decided that the children could sit on the floor and Hannah Kerwin felt that seating would be adequate given the constraints of the space.

The hallways/landing on the second floor are dimly lit, the Friends offered to purchase LED bulbs.

Library Manager's Report

Hannah Kerwin reported that Public Works did an excellent job removing snow, however she did notice some cracks in the pavement. There seems there might be an underground source of water that seeps through the cracks and results in ice in the parking lot. The moving of furniture is scheduled and the paper towels and toilet paper is well-stocked on the shelves. A teen study area may be set up in the teen book area. She highlighted a few of the following programs: personal styling in two weeks; meditation in April; how to sew in May, and pointed out the service called the creative bug, which is available on the SCLS website any time.

Council Liaison Report

- There is still no location confirmed for the new library building. Architect Iovino has stated that in his opinion the exempt hall property is the better building site.
- A meeting with the architect Iovino is planned as well as obtaining a quote from the architect of the Montgomery library.
- The NJLA and the architect have reiterated that the generally accepted rate for estimated construction cost for a library building in the State of New Jersey is about \$360/ square foot.

The next meetings of the Watchung Library Advisory Board will be at 3:30 pm Wednesday, May 1, July 10, September 18, November 6 and January 8 (2020)

Adjournment

On motion and unanimous agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette von Brandis & Tamara Benc