

Library Advisory Committee

Minutes

November 20, 2012; Library Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by Florence Mannion at 7:35 p.m. The Statement of Compliance was then read.

Attendance

The following members were present:, Florence Mannion, Allan Igo, Barbara Kreder, Ruth DeBang, Pat Stabile

Staff Members present: Lauren Ryan, Keith McCoy, Selwa Shamy

Absent: Larry LaRonde, Elizabeth Okereke (Student Representative), , Elizabeth Havrilla, Hope Blecher

Secretary's Report

The minutes were then presented, as distributed after the September Meeting. Barbara Kreder moved to accept the minutes which was seconded by Ruth Debang. All present voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of this report will be placed on file for audit.

An accounting of account balances and activity was distributed via email prior to the meeting.

County Report

Keith McCoy represented the county administration. A significant item on which he reported was that the county will be increasing the fine amounts. They are considering dedicating half of the collected money to a technology fund and hold the other half in an account for each library branch.

The strategic plan will be coming.

Going forward in 2013, Somerset County libraries will be open Lincoln's Birthday, Good Friday, Columbus holiday and Veterans' Day.

The number of web hits on the library's site are continuing to grow.

The referendum to approve building in Watchung was on the November ballot and did not pass.

Branch Director's Report

Lauren advised that she has a due date of November 30th.

Melissa in the children's room will not be returning from her maternity leave. There is a new person ready to begin and will start on November 30th. With this addition, there will now be three employees with the ability to speak Spanish.

The library has been collecting donations for Superstorm Sandy. The branch also has FEMA information available.

Jessica is working on planning the renovations to the children's room. The hope is to begin work sometime in March.

New Eagle Scout project underway, but delayed by Sandy.

Need to update security. Second camera now broken.

Selwa is in planning stages for the upcoming year.

Pat Stabile commented that her friend Marielle Ambis continued their Soil Sister work on her own while Pat was away and suggested that this be acknowledged. It was discussed and approved that she receive a certificate and a gift certificate. The gift certificate, per Pat's advice, will come from Pepe's.

New Business

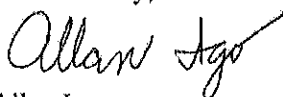
Meeting dates for 2013 were approved. They will be January 22, March 19, June 18, September 17 and November 19

Good of the Order

A reminder that the next scheduled meeting will be January 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Allan Igo and seconded by Florence Mannion and Ruth DeBang. All voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,



Allan Igo

Secretary/Treasurer