

Newtown Public Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 19, 2019

Present: Howard Walker, Erica Danowitz, Anthony Maalouf, and Kathy Erickson

Excused: Arlene Caruso

Guests: Arie Cappuccio and TV ODonnell

CALL TO ORDER:

Howard Walker, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newtown Public Library to order at 7:15 pm on February 19, 2019.

Approval of the Agenda – approved

Approval of the Minutes from the December 20, 2018 meeting – approved

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Arie Cappuccio and Vinnie ODonnell were introduced to the Board as potential new members. They both gave brief summaries of their backgrounds as well as an explanation of their interest in serving on the Board.

Ms. Cappuccio and Mr. ODonnell were excused from the room. The Board voted unanimously to invite both of the candidates to join the Board and extended welcome and congratulations to both individuals.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Tabled. No report at this time

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Please see the Library Director's Report for January/ February
- Circulation – December circulation was down compared to November but higher than last December. In January, circulation was up compared to December and also up compared to last January. Total circulation in 2018 was relatively flat when compared to 2017.
- New Library cards: 27 in December; 52 in January. Best January since before 2014!
- Public computer use – 279 sessions in December; 320 sessions in January
- WiFi sessions – 6238 (up by 49%)
- Youth Services was active, as usual, with activities such as preschool mandarin, coding capers, yoga, science and dance for pre-schoolers.
- The library will again participate in Longwood Gardens Community Read.
- Four of our staff members attended training on LibCal, a county-wide library calendar software.
- The county is offering an online language learning program called Pronunciator.
- Arlene and Matthew attended a presentation focused on the new integrated library system, Sierra.
- New employee, Rayna Whitright began her employment with us on 2/19/2019. The Board of Trustees extends a warm welcome.

Friends of the Library Liason Report – Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Board Officers. The following officers were approved by the Board:

President – Howard Walker

Vice President – Erica Danowitz

Treasurer – Open

Secretary – Kathy Erickson

Volunteer Lunch - April 11, 2019

Credit Card Memo – tabled

Employee Handbook – Erica will re-send this document

Strategic Plan focus group sessions, run by the Delaware County Libraries Association, will be held at the Ridley Township Library on March 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm for trustees.

OLD BUSINESS

New Banking Arrangements – Library Accounts will now be at TD Bank.

Board Comments – no additional comments

Public Comments – no comments

Next Meeting – March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

