

Newark Public Library Board Minutes | 2019

Date: August 8, 2019

Call to Order by Joey at 6:15 PM.

Present: Dan Bement, Andrea Jacoby, Melissa Correia, Chris Mizro, Joey Nicosia

Absent: Deb Barry, Lisa Burley, Allan Mallette

*Thanks expressed to Andrea for her time on the board. Introduction of guest, Sue Oberdorf, prospective board member.

Public Comment: none

Secretary's Report: Review of minutes. Motion to approve made by Dan, Chris 2nd, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Review of abstract. Review of year-end 2018-2019 budget and YTD current budget report. Motion to approve abstract and budget reports made by Andrea, Dan 2nd, passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Melissa's grant application for a fall Reading & Discussion series from Humanities NY was successful. Rachel has been organizing the year-long Health & Wellness program, with a kick off scheduled for early September. Celeste has launched an online literary magazine for the library, is currently accepting submissions for the first edition. The automatic door opener and handicap entrance is complete, as is the new small meeting room (Friends of the Library Meeting Room).

Committee Report: none

Old Business:

*Director Evaluation- The results of board input on Melissa's evaluation was reviewed. The board is very pleased with her performance, but does suggest a greater effort to inform the board of participation at "state, regional and national meetings" as well as marketing efforts for the library's events and services.

New Business:

*Establish policy review committee - Tabled until more board members are present.

*Approve assigned reserves policy - Tabled until more board members are present.

*Approve hire of JJ Fontanez-Orwen, part-time library clerk, \$11.80/hr, effective August 6, 2019 - Motion to approve made by Chris, Andrea 2nd, passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn is made by Dan, Chris 2nd, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00. **Next meeting September 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM.**