

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pearl River Library was held at the library on October 24, 2022.

Present were Trustees President William Morris, Trustee Michael McCue, Trustee Irene D'Anna, Trustee Eric Sharrin, trustee Donna Warren, Director Eugenia Schatoff, Senior Account Clerk Debra McDermott, Treasurer Magda Parvulescu, and Board Clerk Mary Flanagan.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Morris called the meeting to order at 7:41pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

MINUTES - Meeting of September 27, 2022, was approved as well as the Special Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2022. On a motion by Trustee William Morris and seconded by Trustee Donna Warren, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORT & LIST OF CLAIMS

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Spreadsheets for September 2022 and the List of Warrants for October 2022. On a motion by Trustee Donna Warren and seconded by Trustee Eric Sharrin, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, Actual Cash Flow Report for September 2022 and the List of Warrants for October 2022.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

The Statistical Reports for September 2022 were discussed and noted the increase of patrons once again this month.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Director Schatoff reported that the CREST application was received, and we are being awarded \$120,000. For the Air Handler replacement sponsored by Senator Reichlin-Melnick.

The library continues to increase in Patrons in Person up to 55% and total circulation as well.

We upgraded our patron and staff wi-fi. We now have fast and more reliable download/upload speeds. We added a second Adult Reference phone to the Adult Reference desk to better serve our patrons and eliminate call waiting time or incessant ringing.

Librarian Sarah Northshield has new crafts for Grown-ups bringing in 20-40 patrons to the library during a convenient evening timeslot. Librarian Adriane Fabio's Dinner and Movie is back drawing 50 or more happy adults and seniors at each session. Our 4 part Visiting Writers Series kicked off this month and has been a great success. It is a great move in the direction of Adult Continuing Education.

Our Librarians Melissa Lamontanaro, Alexis Ramos and John Aiello saw thousands of Rockland County Seniors at this year's Senior Fair at RCC. They were once again complimented on the wide range of unique offerings we offer compared to their home libraries.

Our twice monthly visits to the Beth Am Temple and Pearl River Senior Group are very popular, they have a typical attendance of at least 100 seniors.

We have two important community partnerships: one with the Literacy Volunteers, and the other with St. Thomas Aquinas College., The Literacy Volunteers are now making PRPL their headquarters, using the Learning Lab every Tuesday from 10am-2pm for group and individual literacy sessions. We hope to create tech skills and job readiness programs to meet the need of our patrons who are working with the Literacy Volunteers. This is a great use of Learning Lab time during hours when school students are not available.

Our Learning lab/STAC Math Club is back after COVID Hiatus. It is now a for-credit internship for the STAC Math Wiz, Amanda Fresbee, runs the classes. Professor Megan DeWitt also helps out with the hands-on STEAM projects. WE are getting a great turn out of teens and tweens for this free-to the -library, high quality program.

Our partnership with Defiant Brewery continues to develop! In September we partnered for an Oktoberfest Beer Tasting, as well as launching our Beers & Book Book Club.

A teacher came into the children's room asking for a picture book that we did not have. WE saw that it was available to download through HOOPLA. She had never heard about HOOPLA and our staff showed her how to download it. Staff were able to show her it was marked as "UNLIMITED DOWNLOADS". This was "life changing" for her as a teacher.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Library Renewal Project – the LARC Committee will meet on December 8, 2022. There will be several recommendations to view at this time.
- B. 2023 Holiday & Closing Schedule – A motion was made by Trustee Irene D'Anna and seconded by Eric Sharrin, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Juneteenth Holiday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Building and Grounds** – met tonight 10/24/22 to discuss committee recommendations on Bond.
- B. **POLICY**- no report
- C. **FINANCE** – Committee will start in January 2023.
- D. **PERSONNEL** – no report
- E. **TECHNOLOGY** – no report

NEW BUSINESS – Approval of Resolutions

- a. Resolution – Covid Variance decrease in library hours
- b. 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates – updates
- c. Trustee Warren announced that a Campaign Committee will be forming soon with Mr. Steve Marmon taking the role as Campaign Director.

CORRESPONDENCE – Anonymous female dropped off a letter apologizing for holding on to the book “Cole” for 40 years which she borrowed while she was in Pearl River High school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – Trustee Irene D’Anna made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mike McCue to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. The motion unanimously passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Flanagan