

Newark Public Library Board Minutes | 2022

Date: 9/8/2022

Present: Keeley Kuperus, Melissa Correia, Allan Mallette, Deb Barry, Joey Nicosia, Sue Oberdorf, Chris Mizro, Jennifer Stell, Alicia Valzquez

Absent: Kim Russell, Andrea Windus

Call to Order by Joey Nicosia at 6:03 PM

Public Comment: No public comments.

Secretary's Report: Review of minutes.

Motion to approve made by Chris and Sue 2nd, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Review of abstract and budget report.

Motion to approve abstract, final July 2021-June 2022 budget report and July 2022-June 2023 budget report made by Sue and Keeley 2nd, passed unanimously.

Director's Report: Review of Director's Report

- Lighting in children's room and outside elevator is complete.
- HVAC project is apparently complete, but final touches from the Village are not clear.
- 7x7 glass meeting room project is awaiting approval from Friends of the Library but is likely to get underway this year.
- Summer reading wrapped up with 131 kids registered, which is a 65% increase from last year. In the entire summer 1,973 kids, families and teens attended youth programming and 720 free lunches were served this summer.
- Weekly Newark Farmers Market, handed out 300 free books to kids.
- Open house to say farewell to Alicia Vazquez is Wednesday September 21, 4-7pm.

Committee Reports: Hiring committee

- Hiring committee selected Tye Villane as new head of Youth Services and he accepted, starting 12 September 2022.
- A hiring committee for the new library director has been created. Targeted recruiting with OWWL library system has identified 2 candidates.

Old Business: no old business

New Business:

- Motion made to change check signers to Board President, Vice President and Treasurer moving forward made by Keeley and Deb 2nd, passed unanimously.
- Motion made to amend Working Remotely Policy made by Sue and Chris 2nd, passed unanimously.
- Motion made to approve the provisional hire of (Michael) Tye Villane, Head of Youth Services, \$40,000 annual salary, effective September 12, 2022 made by Deb and Sue 2nd, passed unanimously.
- Motion to amend Assistant Director salary to \$42,000 made by Chris and Sue 2nd, passed unanimously
- Recognition for Alicia Vazquez, Youth Services Librarian

Executive session called to order 7:07pm. Adjourned session at 7:28pm

Motion to adjourn made by Keeley and Deb 2nd, passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: October 13, 2022