

Metuchen Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Liz Waldron at 7:08pm in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Also present were Melody Kokola, Library Director, Marian O'Connell, Ellen Greenberg, Linda Koskoski, Bud Ackerman and Sondra Flite, President Pro Tempore of The Friends of the Library. Patricia Glave was also present as the liaison for the Metuchen Board of Education.

The meeting minutes for January 10, 2012 were approved.

The financial report was reviewed and approved. Ms. Kokola reviewed the 2012 revised budget which represents an increase of 1.486%.

During the review of the Building Report, Ms. Kokola stated that she is going to contact a lead paint tester, especially for the children's room. Ms. Kokola also stated that she will meet with Stew Fife before the next board meeting to firm up the plans and priority list.

Ms. Kokola let us know that during the piano tuning, damage to the keyboard cover was found. An estimate for repairs was requested.

The fire alarms were inspected and passed but some problems were identified. The sound isn't loud enough which would be corrected by more sound producers. Also, it was recommended that flashers be put in the bathroom. Ms. Kokola is obtaining an estimate for this work.

A request was made by the Edison Memorial Tower Corp to loan a light bulb manufactured by Thomas Edison and is now being stored in the Library's Grimstead room. They would like it for long term display and Ms. Kokola is in the process of developing criteria for the loan.

Sondra Flite made the recommendation to talk about salvaging the shelves when they are replaced. She also said that she can make a recommendation for someone to make a proposal to address some of the electrical issues.

Ms. Flite updated us on the status of the plaques and trees. The plaques are staying put so a tree will need to be planted there. The Friends are planning a mixer for March 13. She also discussed putting together some PR to help with fundraising and budget requests to council.

New Business was introduced by Bud Ackerman. He proposed doing a monthly Opera Presentation starting in September. The board was in favor of this idea.

We also welcomed Patricia Glave who was appointed to serve as the Metuchen Board of Education liaison. Ms. Glave will be a full voting member of the board.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2012. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda M. Koskoski