

Marian J. Mohr Library

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

September 20, 2018

Board of Trustees

Joseph W. Rotella, Chairperson

Debbie Fairman, Vice President

Raymond F. Bruzzese, Treasurer

Lisa P. Filippelli-Moan, Secretary

Vilma Zanni

Absent: Debbie Fairman, Vice Chairperson

Welcome: Joe

Minutes of Previous Meeting 5/25/18- Reviewed

Change date of previous meeting to 4/26/18

**Motion to accept change of date and minutes by Vilma Second by
Lisa**

Unanimous vote

Staff Report-Jon

Annual Report to state indicated a slight drop in long standing regular programs, as well as overall program attendance and circulation of physical materials. Electronic circulation and wireless use was up. During the past year, the library has started to move in new directions, experimenting with new kinds of afterschool

programming.

Identification procedure has allowed for more kids to be engaged in games and activities or make use of study time. Attendance in the teen room dropped by half last year and has leveled off. Staffing issues, mostly in connection with computer problems and reference questions. Some complaints related to customer service but also compliments. Recommendation for a speaker to give a customer service workshop in the library has been given. Cleaning the library has been a minor problem, as janitorial services are shared with other departments.

Monthly Financials-Ray

19% through year and 17% spent. Financials on track for this time of year.

Motion to accept the Financials by Ray. Second by Vilma.

Unanimous vote.

Communications

None

Safety and Security

Jon is working on an fire and/ or emergency evacuation plan. This is an on going project.

Checking for motion detector adjustment. Jon is monitoring and looking into adding mirrors.

Young Adult Room

Furniture ordered and will be delivered in November.

Friends Comments:

Helen commented on the success of the summer programs.

Donations have been coming in and Jon and Friends are working on a Donation Policy.

Friends shocked at the massive cut to the money that the library will be getting. Positions are not filled and skilled positions are going unfilled. Why is the library budget being cut so drastically? Helen and Friends are worried for the continued livelihood of the library.

(Approx. \$19,000) Full time salaries cut as well as part time salaries.

The Friends are very upset that these cuts are so drastic. The Friends Board has discussed the hiring issues and budget, and are discouraged by the overall lack of support for the library.

Helen worked last year with Applefest and students at JHS and found great success and this year was even better. Sales were good and support of the library was positive.

Book Sale next weekend with help of Explorers.

Board Comments- Trustees

Public Comments- None

Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting:

October 18, 2018 6:30pm

Agenda Items for Next Time

Safety and Security

Young Adult Room Progress

Update on Unfilled Positions

By Vilma Second by Ray

Unanimous Vote

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa P. Filippelli-Moan, Secretary