

**The Nyack Library**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**September 14, 2009**

**Present**

James L. Case, Secretary  
E. Michael Growney, Jr.  
Myria Jean-Gilles  
Debra Karten  
Joan E. Moffett, Vice-President  
Roger W. Seiler, President  
Ellen Simpson

**Absent**

Kevin M. Doyle  
\*Myria Jean-Gilles  
\*Judith Lawler  
\*Paul D. Shein, Treasurer

\*Excused

**Staff:**

James Mahoney, Library Director  
Stephen Hoefler, Manager of Operations & Finances  
Minerva Parker, Administrative Assistant

**1. Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order in the Meeting Room of the Nyack Library at 8:00 p.m. by the Board President Roger Seiler, as chair.

**2. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, July 27, 2009, were unanimously approved upon the **motion** by Ms. Karten and seconded by Ms. Moffett.

**3. Director's Report:**

Mr. Mahoney discussed the Monthly Statistics Report; there was a gain in book circulation, 6.9% and a decrease of 12.5%, in audio visual materials.

On Friday, September 11, 2009, over two hundred people showed up to attend the book discussion of "The Island at the Center of the Earth" with Russell Shorto, the author. The program was held in the new wing of the Library, where the Adult Reference area will be.

Mr. Mahoney would like to thank Stephanie Taylor for developing the African American Author Book talks, which began in the spring of 2005. She has been instrumental in getting Toni Morrison here for an Author Book Talk, which will take place on October 17, 2009. There will be a private reception before the reading, and a signing period after. Books will be for sale during this program. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be for the new Teen Area.

Mr. Mahoney announced that he has been appointed a member of the Board for the Soiree Society, which sponsors the Carnegie Room Concerts. Mr. Mahoney is considering adopting this program officially as a library program. The Soiree Society will continue to manage the program and this will enable us to apply for grants that would not otherwise be possible.

A summary of the departmental reports:

Sharon Aperto, Adult Services, would like the library to start a Job Information Resource Center to offer services to the public during this economic downturn;

Aldona Pilmanis, Youth Services, reports that 313 children participated in the Summer Reading Program, reading over 3,000 over a six week period.

Internal Staff changes-Teen Room, which falls under Youth Services, will be headed by Elizabeth Hobson with assistance from Claudia Uccellani.

Bonnie Yassky, Development, reported that the library's bid for the Federal Stimulus money was denied, libraries are not eligible for this package.

Brian Jennings - The RFID tagging project is almost complete, all book materials have been tagged and currently working to complete the audio visual materials. As a result of having the images from Local History on a database, people have been requesting copies of some images, which the library will reproduce for a nominal fee.

Stephen Hoefer - The Library has received a public library construction grant in the amount of \$165,627, the largest sum given to any library this year. The Library also received a refund from Hudson Energy Services, an alternative energy provider, in the amount of \$11,982. Orange and Rockland Utilities is now the energy supplier.

#### **4. Treasurer's Reports/Financial Statements/Disbursement Report:**

Ms. Simpson summarized the Treasurer's Report in Mr. Shein's absence. The Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report, upon **motion** by Mr. Growney, seconded by Ms. Karten.

Mr. Hoefer discussed the Balance Sheet, the Construction Budget Summary and the Income Statement Budget Performance Reports. **Motion** by Ms. Moffett and seconded by Mr. Growney, the board unanimously approved the Financial Statements and Cash Disbursement Reports.

#### **5. Committee Reports:**

Construction Committee-this report was summarized during the Director's Reports.

Personnel Committee-the committee was unable to schedule a meeting, but will do so before the October Board Meeting.

- 6. Old Business:** Mr. Mahoney submitted a letter to the Board following up on the topic of Vacation Overage topic as discussed at the last board meeting. As the Personnel Committee had not met, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

**7. New Business:**

ANSER Fees Schedule has been received and a new contract, new by-laws and the fees schedule have changed. **Motion** to approve new proposed ANSER Fee model as presented, Ms. Karten moved, Ms. Simpson seconded, the board unanimously approved.

**Adjournment:**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. by motion of Ms. Simpson and seconded by Ms. Moffett.

Respectfully submitted,

*Minerva Parker*

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