

**PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Of the Paramus Public Library held at the  
Main Library  
116 E. Century Road  
Paramus, NJ  
7:00pm  
July 14, 2021  
(Postponed from June 28, 2021)

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President Ralph called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

This is a regularly scheduled public meeting of the Paramus Public Library Board of Trustees and notice thereof has been given by the following:

- A. Sending notice on June 24, 2021 to THE RECORD Official Newspaper of the Borough.
- B. Posting a copy of the Agenda on the bulletin boards at the Main and Reid Branch Libraries.
- C. Filing a copy of the Agenda in the library business office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustees Ralph, M. Caminiti, Dorgan, I. Caminiti, Hook, Hulse and Lagana

Also present: Leonard LoPinto, Director  
Janice Hill, Assistant to the Director/Finance  
Lorna Petouvis, Assistant to the Director/Administration  
Catherine Eng, Supervisor Reid Branch Library  
Sharon Kalman, Supervisor, Youth Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 1, 2021

It was MOVED BY: M. Caminiti    Seconded by: C. Hulse  
To accept the Minutes of June 1, 2021 as presented.  
Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION- Catherine Eng and Sharon Kalman gave a presentation on the 2021 Summer Reading Program and activities. To date 1,095 children have joined the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Tales and Tails.

Mr. LoPinto commended the Youth Services staff at the Main and Reid Libraries for the work they have done this year under difficult circumstances.

Mr. LoPinto noted that Ikea has been very generous in donating items for the program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No public present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Leonard LoPinto

A. Personnel Actions – June 2021

After discussion:

It was MOVED BY: I. Caminiti                      Seconded by: J. Lagana

To approve the Personnel Actions – June 2021 as presented.

Unanimously approved by voice vote.

B. Statistics- Statistical Summary -May 2021 – Received as presented.

C. Staff Newsletter- June 28, 2021 – Received as presented.

Mrs. Ralph reviewed the Staff Newsletter and commended Donna Perkosky on her work. Discussion followed on the graphic novel collection and the positive effect they have on children.

\*DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MAY 2021

Mr. LoPinto reviewed his written report:

D.\*Summer Reading @ the Library

E.\*Summer/Fall Programs – Mr. LoPinto said he is hoping to hold programs inside in the fall.

F.\*Summer Concerts – The first concert of the season was well attended.

G.\*Pandemic Protocols

H.\*Library Use – Library usage continues to increase.

I.\*American Rescue Act Grant-Discussed under New business

J.\*Children's Room Addition – Mr. LoPinto thanked Senator Lagana and Peter Caminiti for their assistance in securing some of the funding for the Children's Room addition. The Luckow Family Foundation also made a generous donation. Fundraising efforts continue.

Mr. LoPinto noted, in order to secure the matching Library Construction Grant, proof of match in the form of an ordinance of appropriation must be submitted no later than September 1, 2021.



