

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – No public present.

PRESENTATION- The Board of Trustees honored IKEA for their contributions to the library for the summer reading program. Sharon Kalman gave highlights of the programs and how their contributions were used. Donna Perkosky presented a video of the library’s summer programming produced by Chloe Colmenares. IKEA representatives were presented with books which have been added to the children’s collections at the main and branch libraries, dedicated in honor of IKEA.

Mrs. Ralph thanked IKEA for their involvement in encouraging children to read. Mr. LoPinto said he is looking forward to working with them in the future.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT - Leonard LoPinto

A. Personnel Actions – July/August/September 2021

Mrs. Ralph commended Joseph Lenkiewicz for the work he does to keep the library maintained both inside and outside.

After discussion:

It was MOVED BY: A. Hook Seconded by: M. Caminiti
To approve the Personnel Actions – July/August/September 2021 as presented.

Unanimously approved by voice vote.

B. Statistics- Statistical Summaries -June/July/August 2021 – Received as presented. Mr. LoPinto reported that by the end of August the library had circulated 300,000 items which is twice the number of other libraries in Bergen County. He noted that he is considering streamlining the statistical report and moving to an infographic which will provide highlights.

Mrs. Ralph commended the staff for their hard work during the pandemic and since the library fully opened.

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

Mrs. Ralph reviewed the highlights in the newsletter. Mrs. Hook and Mrs. Ralph commented on how the ESL program flourished during the pandemic. Mrs. Ralph attributed the success of the ESL program to Matthew Mitchel, Supervisor of Adult Services.

Discussion followed on Matthew Mitchel’s report on Envisionware. Mr. LoPinto noted that public computer use in the library has decreased in recent years.

*DIRECTOR'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021

Mr. LoPinto reviewed his written report:

D.*Library Update – The update is a record of how the library functioned during the pandemic and where it is now. It is also a blueprint for the future.

E.*American Rescue Plan Act Grant 2021 – The library received a grant of \$21,361. The funds will be used to expand on-line resources in many areas.

F.*Rotary and the Library

G.*Berkeley College – Berkeley College is celebrating their 90th anniversary with a tree planting ceremony on library grounds. Berkeley has been a great partner of the library for many years. Over the years they have contributed to the library's summer reading program, Books N.J. and the Paramus Cultural Arts Council's Summer Concert Series.

H.*Freedom Walk- - Mrs. Hook noted how special the Freedom Walk was for her family. Mr. LoPinto commended Donna Perkosky, Sharon Kalman and Ridge Ranch Elementary School for their part in making it a success. -

I.* Summer Reading

J.*BCCLS

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Following Discussion-

It was MOVED BY: A. Hook

Seconded by: D. Dorgan

To approve the Financial Reports – June 30,2021, July 31, 2021, and August 31, 2021

Unanimously approved by voice vote.

BILLS PAYABLE

Following Discussion-

It was MOVED BY: D. Dorgan

Seconded by: A. Hook

To approve and pay the:

Bills Payable – July/August/September, 2021

Unanimously approved by voice vote..

CORRESPONDENCE – Received as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

A. Buildings and Grounds - Adele Hook –

Mrs. Hook noted how pleased she is that the Children's Room addition is moving forward.

Mr. LoPinto reported the architect will begin work on the bid documents in the near future. Discussion took place concerning setting up a procedure with the borough regarding bill payment.

B. Community Relations – Darlene Dorgan – Discussed during Director’s Report.

C. Finance and Budget – Cynthia Hulse

After discussion:

It was MOVED BY M. Caminiti Seconded by: A. Hook

To accept a grant award from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Grants for New Jersey Public Libraries for the grant period 9/1/21 through 8/31/22 in the amount of \$21,361.67.

Unanimously approved by voice vote. (Resolution attached to file copy)

After discussion:

It was MOVED BY: M. Caminiti Seconded by: A. Hook

To increase the fee for color printer copies from \$.25 to \$.50.

Unanimously approved by voice vote.

D. Personnel Committee – Mrs. Lagana – Discussed during Director’s Report A.

E. Ad hoc Committee for Policies – Mrs. Ralph – Nothing to report

CONTINUING AGENDA-

OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BCCLS 2022 budget – Mr. LoPinto reported the MOST Proposal and Code of Conduct proposal were defeated.

The Sarnoff Report indicated there is a lack of trust and dissatisfaction among BCCLS members. BCCLS will address these issues by holding workshops to discuss what dissatisfaction and lack of trust in BCCLS leadership means.

Mr. LoPinto reported he will vote for the 2022 BCCLS budget. There are new products being introduced. The library’s contribution will be raised by \$3,000.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED BY: M. Caminiti

Seconded by: D. Dorgan

To adjourn at 7:50pm.

Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ralph, Board President

Lorna Petouvis, Assistant to the Director/Administration

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9/29/21