BELLMORE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of September 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 7:13 p.m. by President Roberta Newman.

Members present were President Roberta Newman, Vice-President Wendy Forgash, Emily Schreiber, Robert Botwin and Secretary Karolyn Hertzberg. Director Maureen Garvey was also present.

The minutes of August 21, 2013 were read. Minutes were accepted and approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Emily Schreiber.

The Financial Report for August, 2013 was read and unanimously approved on a motion by Robert Botwin and seconded by Wendy Forgash. The bills for the month of August, 2013 in the amount of $64,522.29 were approved on a motion by Robert Botwin, seconded by Roberta Newman and unanimously approved. Payrolls for the month of August in the amount of $101,503.99 were approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash, seconded by Robert Botwin and unanimously approved.

The Director’s Report was read and discussed.

No Old Business

New Business
The library is having an Open House, scheduled for Sunday, October 6 from 1:30 to 4:30. The glass wall can be repaired very soon, even before the Open House. Maureen will ask about doing it this coming week. We are thinking of having a Friends of the Library support group for fund raising and meeting the extra needs of the library. Several Trustees have volunteered to be present during the Open House to present the idea to the patrons. We are also exploring the idea of having older children read to the younger ones with adult supervision in the Children’s Room.
The idea of charging fees for long overdue books was discussed and rejected. It was decided that, because it is a rare occurrence that an older item is returned months after its due date, it is unnecessary to amend the existing overdue policy.

There was an increase in attendance for the Summer Children’s Reading Program. Story Hour is becoming problematic. A policy was discussed about what we should do to offer the best possible story hour for all patrons, and that it should be for all those individuals who are developmentally ready for sitting and listening to Miss Debbie. We will ask those who are not ready and being disruptive to reschedule story time when they can attend to the program for longer periods of time.

There will be a special meeting of the NLS Board on Monday, Sept. 30 to discuss member library support. Trustee Robert Botwin will attend with Director Maureen Garvey.

The library received a legislative grant from Mr. Denenberg’s office for the maintenance and repairs for our HVAC unit. The unit must be ready for winter heating, and we are looking into ceiling fans, which when reversed, can send warmer air downwards. There could be grant money coming from Ed Mangano’s office soon.

Forty-two pints of blood were drawn in the last blood drive at the library.

Communications
Letters of commendation were received for Jessica Breitman and Debbie DeGrassi and shared with the trustees. Congratulations to both for fine work.

There were no visitors present.

Adjournment
The meeting of September 18, 2013 was adjourned on a motion by Emily Schreiber, and seconded by Wendy Forgash.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is October 16, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Karolyn Hertzberg
Secretary