The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial library was called to order on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 7:10 PM by President Roberta Newman. Members present were Robert Botwin, Wendy Forgash, Karolyn Hertzberg, Roberta Newman and Emily Schreiber. Director Maureen Garvey was also present.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC EXPRESSION

No visitors.

The Minutes of the September, 2013 meeting were read and approved unanimously on a motion by Emily Schreiber and seconded by Robert Botwin. The Financial Report for October, 2013 was read and approved unanimously on a motion by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Emily Schreiber. The bills for the month of September, 2013 in the amount of $58,518.00 were unanimously approved by Robert Botwin and seconded by Roberta Newman. Payrolls for the two weeks ended September 12, 2013 in the amount of $50,267.64 and for the two weeks ended September 26, 2013 in the amount of $52,619.75 were unanimously approved on a motion made by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Karolyn Hertzberg.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Maureen Garvey gave her monthly report.

a) There was a discussion of Valerie Acklin’s report on the LIRR paperback project;

b) There was a discussion of the monthly circulation statistics. The reasons for the ebb and flow could not be determined;

c) A second pass for the Long Island Children’s Museum was purchased.

PERSONNEL

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:45 and came out of Executive Session at 8:05. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

a) The Legislative Grant we received was for $25,000; the letter to the Library Board from Supervisor Mangano’s office notifying us of an additional grant of $40,000 was an error. A discussion centered on possibly using this money to heat the quiet study area. Director Garvey is trying to get clarification re: restrictions on how the money may be spent.

b) The glass wall was completed.
NEW BUSINESS

a) Re: member library support for the Nassau Library System, there was a discussion of the Proposed New Formula for 2015 and 2016. Our financial responsibility remains the same for 2013-14 and decreases by $868 for 2015-16;
b) The Board congratulated the Staff on a very successful Open House. Their efforts are truly appreciated;
c) A discussion took place about contacting patrons who signed up to be “Friends of the Library.” Further evaluation is necessary to determine the purpose and usefulness of such a group.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Director Garvey reported that Valerie Acklin and Martha DiVittorio gave a wonderful presentation at the Javits Center as part of NY Comic Con. The topic was "Beyond Harry Potter and Percy Jackson."

COMMUNICATIONS
a) Director Garvey received a letter from Senator Fuschillo thanking the Library for the September 19, 2013 Kid Pix Photo ID Program;
b) Kate Murray sent a picture of Library Officials holding a citation at the Library’s Open House.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by President Roberta Newman and seconded by Robert Botwin at 8:40 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Forgash
Acting Secretary