The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on November 18, 2014 at 7:07 p.m.

Members present were Wendy Forgash, Robert Paz, Emily Schreiber, Roberta Newman, and Robert Botwin. Also present were Director Maureen Garvey, and Secretary to the Board, Marie Simoneschi.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the October 15, 2014 were read. Minutes accepted and approved unanimously on a motion by Roberta Newman and seconded by Robert Paz.

The Financial Report:

The Financial Report for October 2014 was read and approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Emily Schreiber and unanimously approved.

Bills totaling $321,403.61 were unanimously approved on a motion by Robert Paz and seconded by Roberta Newman.

The Director’s Report:

The Director’s report was read and discussed.

Old Business:

Bids received for the renovation of the Compact Storage Room were discussed. A motion was made by Robert Botwin to hire ACL Construction for the renovations. It was seconded by Robert Paz. The motion passed unanimously.
The 2015-2016 budget was discussed. Library accountant Gary Hertzan will attend the December 2014 Board meeting.

Due to the library’s Worker’s Compensation experience, the library has put together a Safety & Health Committee. The committee is composed of the following library employees: Director Maureen Garvey, Marie Simoneschi, Sue Hecker, Thomas Lanigan and Philip Lanigan. A copy of the Safety and Health Policy Statement was distributed to the library staff.

New Business:

The Whistleblower Protection Policy now required by New York State for non-profit entities was discussed. A motion to pass a Whistleblower Protection Policy for Bellmore Memorial Library was made by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Robert Botwin. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

The Board went into executive session at 7:55 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:20 p.m.

Personnel:

Trustee Roberta Newman made a motion to compensate Jessica Breitman for time accrued while she was a librarian trainee. The motion was seconded by Robert Paz and passed unanimously.

A motion to promote librarian Valerie Acklin to a Librarian 2, when she becomes Civil Service eligible, was made by Robert Paz. The motion was seconded by Roberta Newman and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Robert Paz to award Deborah Howe and Barbara Lipari an hourly increase. The motion passed unanimously.
Meeting and Conferences:

Librarian Martha DiVittorio attended the NYLA Conference this year. Martha obtained valuable information pertaining to grants. She is now working on a grant to obtain a 3D printer for the library.

Communications:

A request was made by the Bellmore Moms & Dads group to use the library meeting room on January 29, 2015. A motion to approve the application was made by Emily Schreiber and seconded by Wendy Forgash. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Robert Botwin and seconded by Wendy Forgash to accept two paintings donated by former Bellmore resident Mary White Kazenstein. The motion passed unanimously. Director Garvey will contact Mrs. Kazenstein to thank her for her paintings.

A letter was received from Councilwoman Angie Cullen commending the library for the success of the October 25th Geekfest program.

Announcements:

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
The January 2015 meeting is scheduled for the 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Emily Schreiber made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Robert Botwin and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board