The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order on January 21, 2015 at 7:10 p.m.

Board Members present were Roberta Newman, Robert Paz and Emily Schreiber. Board member Robert Botwin joined the meeting via Skype. Board member Wendy Forgash joined the meeting via GoToMeeting. Also present were Director Maureen Garvey and Secretary to the Board Marie Simoneschi. Dennis Stoner from Baldessari & Coster LLP was also present at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the 12/18/14 board meeting were read amended and approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Roberta Newman. The motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Report:

The Financial Report for December 2014 was read and approved on a motion by Emily Schreiber and seconded by Robert Paz. The motion passed unanimously.

Bills totaling $63,091.41 were unanimously approved on a motion by Wendy Forgash and seconded by Robert Paz.

The Director’s Report:

The report was read and discussed.

Old Business:

Dennis Stoner from the accounting firm Baldessari & Coster LLP reviewed the final report for the library’s 2014 Audit.

On Monday January 19, 2015 demolition started on the compact storage room.

New Business:

The Public Information Hearing and Voter’s Registration Day was scheduled for March 31st at 7:00 p.m.
The Budget Vote was scheduled for April 14th.

A motion to change the polling hours from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. was made by Robert Paz and seconded by Emily Schreiber. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Emily Schreiber suggested that information be put into local papers regarding those running for election to the board.

The panic buttons for the library will be installed by Tyco Integrated Security.

The Historical Society of the Bellmores has been dissolved as of December 31, 2014. The Bellmore Library has begun working with the Bellmore Chamber of Commerce and the North Bellmore Library to house, curate and display the historical collection.

Children’s librarian Debbie DeGrassi would like to implement a new procedure regarding program registration. Parents should notify the library as soon as they know their child cannot attend a program. At the very least, two hours notice should be given. This will give children on a waiting list for the program a chance to attend. Failure to do so will result in being put on a waiting list for any additional programs for at least a months worth of time.

Executive Session:

The Board went into executive session at 8:45 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 9:04 p.m.

Emily Schreiber made a motion to promote Martha DiVittorio to a Full time Librarian 1-Bilingual pending Civil Service approval and to reclassify Elizabeth Gifkins to a Community Services Information Assistant, with an hourly increase of $1.75, pending Civil Service approval. This motion was seconded by Robert Paz and passed unanimously.

Communications:

Mrs. Garvey received a letter from the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless, thanking the library for donations of warm winter clothing. The items will be distributed to homeless and at risk Long Islanders.

Sagamore Children’s Psychiatric Center sent a letter to the Long Island Harley Riders who worked in conjunction with the library to collect adult books for their facility. The books will be used as a valuable resource in the center’s classrooms, library and during leisure time.
Announcements:

The next Bellmore Library Board Meeting will be held on March 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Emily Schreiber and seconded by Roberta Newman at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board