Bellmore Memorial Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of October 15, 2019  

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Peter Pagones, Robert Paz, Wendy Forgash and Emily Schreiber. Absent with prior notice was trustee Roberta Newman. Also present were Library Director Elaine Cummings-Young and Secretary to the Board Marie Simoneschi.

A thank you letter was received from The Book Fairies, thanking the library for a donation of books.

Library attorney, Peter Fishbein received a letter from Profile Claim Services, Inc., regarding a claim submitted for storm damage that occurred on 7/23/19. The letter indicated that our neighbor’s insurance company declined to pay the expense incurred by the library. The claim was deemed an Act of God.

Emily Schreiber made a motion to approve the September 2019 Board Minutes. Robert Paz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Robert Paz made a motion to accept the September 2019 Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Emily Schreiber, and passed unanimously.

After review, bills totaling $84,424.00 for the month of October 2019 were accepted on a motion by Peter Pagones. The motion was seconded by Emily Schreiber and passed unanimously.

Payroll for the period ending 9/19/19 was $60,866.37. Payroll for the period ending 10/3/19 was $62,978.28.
The Director’s Report was read and acknowledged.

Old Business:

Trustee Wendy Forgash, and Library Director Elaine Cummings-Young will represent the Library Board at a NLS Area 3 Meeting on October 24th. The NLS Board has an open position for a new member. After discussion, the Library Board members decided on which candidate they would like to vote for.

New Business:

Robert Paz made a motion to approve the deaccession of 3 public computers, 5 staff computers and 1 public printer according to the 2018/2019 Deaccession Report. The motion was seconded by Peter Pagones and passed unanimously.

Emily Schreiber made a motion to approve the revised Homebound Services Policy. Peter Pagones seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Peter Pagones made a motion to pass a Resolution to create Budget Line 5.5435 titled Security Services under Building Operating Expenses for the expense of private security, & to transfer $55,000 from the General Fund to the budget line 5.5435. Robert Paz seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Director and Board Members discussed having a Better World Book bin on the library property. It was decided that the bin would remain on site until the end of December 2019. The library will put a notification in the Winter Newsletter advising the public that it will no longer be available after the year end.

Peter Pagones made a motion effective January 1, 2020, the Bellmore Memorial Library will no longer participate in the Better World Book program and will no longer be accepting used book donations. The motion was seconded by Robert Paz and passed unanimously.

Director Elaine Cummings-Young talked to the Board Members regarding a proposal she received from BlueSky regarding a natural gas project. After review, it was decided that the Board would not proceed with the project.
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial Library will be held on November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:06 p.m. Emily Schreiber made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Robert Paz.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees