The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bellmore Memorial was called to order on May 17, 2022 at 7:06 p.m.

Attendance:

Peter Pagones, Board President (virtual)
Emily Schreiber, Trustee (virtual)
Roberta Newman, Trustee (virtual)
Wendy Forgash, Trustees (arrived 7:37 p.m.)
Mary Stephenson, Trustee
Elaine Cummings-Young, Director
Marie Simoneschi, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

The Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Emily Schreiber. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

After Board review, Mary Stephenson made a motion to accept the April 2022 Financial Report. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Bills totaling $90,463.63 for the month of May 2022 were approved on a motion by Emily Schreiber. The motion was seconded by Roberta Newman and passed unanimously.

Payroll for the period ending 4/14/22 was $60,898.12.
Payroll for the period ending 4/28/22 was $59,795.69.

The Director’s Report was read and acknowledged.

Library statistics were reviewed.
Old Business:

Emily Schreiber made a motion to adopt an Exhibit & Display Policy. Roberta Newman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

NYS Construction Aid was previously applied for. The Library has been advised by the Nassau Library System that they will be awarded funds in the amount of $276,681.00 toward the Reading Room and Vestibule Renovations.

New Business:

The Nassau Library System has been offered discounted tickets for the Long Island Aquarium. It was suggested that the Library purchase tickets for Bellmore patrons. Roberta Newman made a motion for the library to purchase the initial 20 tickets for $23.00 each. Purchases will be subject to availability and limited to 4 tickets per family. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Roberta Newman made a motion to accept the resignation of William Rosenblum, a part-time Librarian I, effective May 9, 2022. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The topic of adopting a policy for Recording in the Library and the Protocol for same was discussed. It was decided that the Library’s attorney should be contacted before a policy is adopted. Emily Schreiber made a motion to table the matter of a Policy for Recording in the Library. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The Director, Elaine Cummings Young, advised that included in the NYS 2022-2023 budget is an amendment to the Open Meetings Law (OML) to make permanent (until July 1, 2024) the expanded use of videoconferencing by public bodies to conduct open meetings, under extraordinary circumstances. After discussion it was decided all trustees would review the new rules and discuss further. Roberta Newman made a motion to table the discussion of the Open Meeting Law amendment to the June meeting. Emily Schreiber seconded the motion that passed unanimously.
At 8:24 p.m., Wendy Forgash made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Compensation for Exempt Personnel. Mary Stephenson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

At 8:33 p.m. Emily Schreiber made a motion to exit Executive Session. Wendy Forgash seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Roberta Newman made a motion to table a discussion on compensation for the Library Director. Mary Stephenson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Wendy Forgash made a motion to approve a proposed salary increase for Exempt employees for the 2022-23 fiscal year, details of which are on file. Mary Stephenson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

The next Board Meeting will be held on June 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

At 8:36 p.m. Emily Schreiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Stephenson seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Simoneschi
Secretary to the Board of Trustees