

NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2014

1. Call to order: President Robin Skuncik Jones called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Rotary Board Room of the Newport Public Library.

Attendance: Jennifer Booth, Michael Dawson, Chuck Flippo, Girard Galvin, Angel Gonzalez, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, Justin McLaughlin, Sheila Sulentic, Jessica Walsh and library director Regina Slezak.

Excused: Kathy Boyd, Pamela Humphreys, David Gordon and Linda Martin.

2. Amendment to the agenda:
There were no changes or additions to the agenda?

3. Secretary's Report:

Susan McCoy asked for changes or additions to the July 17, 2014 Board meeting minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

Jennifer Booth made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Angel Gonzalez seconded the motion. Jennifer Booth, Michael Dawson, Girard Galvin, Angel Gonzalez, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, Sheila Sulentic and Jessica Walsh voted for the motion. There were no votes against. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

4. Finance Committee report:

Michael Dawson reported that the financial statements for July and August 2014 were reviewed. The financial statements for July & August 2014 were reviewed. Income and expenses are under budget so far this fiscal year. Investments gained 1% in the two month period.

5. President's Report:

Robin Skuncik Jones reported that the new library director Anne Shepherd will start at the library on September 26, 2014.

6. Building and Grounds Report:
There was no report at this time.

7. Financial Development Committee report:

Susan McCoy reported that this year's annual event netted \$32,785 after expenses. Attendance was 195, higher than last year's 181.

8. Friends of the Library:

At the Friends last meeting, Chuck Flippo reported that the Friends voted to pay the library's annual membership to the Newport County Chamber of Commerce.

The Friends will present the library with a check for \$25,000 at the Library's Annual Meeting.

9. Director's Report:

In addition to her report, Regina Slezak reported that the library received a donation of \$800 from the proceeds of an auction sale and \$272 from the Peoples Credit Union from a 50/50 raffle at a Newport Gulls Baseball game.

The library has several new staff members. Leslie Varrecchia is the new reference librarian and Lauren Scrima is a part time aide in the Circulation Department. Two new pages have been added to the staff: Emily Lannon and Madeleine McMillan.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm

The next meeting is scheduled on October 16, 2014.