

**Belmar Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 13, 2023
Minutes**

Present: Danielle Arnold, Bruce Blattner, Darleen Havens, Pat Hutchinson, Johanna Roper-Robinson, Sharon Russell-Fowler, Michael Schapert

Absent: Jimmy Alvarez, Jerry Buccafusco, Kathleen Casserly, Maria Rondinaro

Also present: David Hallman, Luis Pulido,

Ms. Russell-Fowler read the notice of the meeting.
Attendees pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Blattner made a motion that we approve the minutes of the February 13 meeting. Ms. Roper-Robinson seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Director's Report

- John Bonney is unable to join the meeting tonight.
- Luis is carrying out the survey. Although it is a serious requirement, only about 1% of funding depends on the survey.
- John Bonney will lead the development of the Strategic Plan and Policies
- Regarding the Capital Plan, two of the 3 required companies have come to do measurements, Anderson and Marvin. A third, Pella, will visit and give an estimate in the near future.
- Tax assistants will be available to do taxes at no cost in Asbury Park.
- April 17 is the next meeting, due to Easter holiday.
- The Irish Festival will be held in Taylor Pavilion at 5:30 on Thursday, March 16. There are currently 20 contestants in the white soda bread competition; eight in the brown bread competition.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Havens reported that the temporary budget is 25% of last year's budget.

Budget Amount	\$194,700.00	
Spent to date	\$67,656.03	
Waiting to pay vendor	\$6,015.45	

STD & Waiting	\$73,671.49	
Balance of Budget	\$121,128.51	
Budget Amount	\$194,700.00	
Amount Spent	\$73,671.49	
Balance	\$121,028.51	
		38%

President's Report

1. Old DVDs can be put in the little libraries around town for extra use.
2. The old Pella Window quote included measurements for other windows. Engineers can save measurement time by getting the dimensions from Pella.
3. The library's Facebook post wasn't on the other two sites. We are not using Twitter. Instagram is tied to our Facebook, so FB postings would show up on Instagram.
4. We should look into whether exercise classes can be done from home by Zoom or Facebook live.
5. Ms. Russell-Fowler's books on Women in History have been loaned to the Children's section.
6. Bilingual books are now in the children's collection, not yet in the adult section.
7. The device for vision-challenged patrons available.
8. We need a plan from David Sweetman so that we can copy the expenditures proposed.

9. Books acquired in someone's memory should have a book plate.

Public Session

1. A Buddhist monk, The Venerable Bhante Sujatha (The Loving Kindness Monk) will be featured for Author Time, May 2.
2. The Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held May 4.
3. A member of the public requested access to the audit trail from the last audit, Mr. Hallman will send it to her.

Mr. Blattner proposed adjournment at 7:30. Ms. Roper-Robinson seconded, and after a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2023.

Draft submitted by Pat Hutchinson, 03/23/23