

**Belmar Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 11, 2024  
Minutes**

Present: Bruce Blattner, Darleen Havens, Pat Hutchinson, Maria Rondinaro, Johanna Roper-Robinson, Sharon Russell-Fowler, Michael Schappert

Absent: Jimmy Alvarez, Danielle Arnold, Mayor Jerry Buccafusco, Kathleen Casserly

Also present: David Hallman and Luis Pulido

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Ms. Russell-Fowler read the notice of the meeting. Attendees pledged allegiance to the flag.

Ms. Hutchinson took the roll. Mr. Blattner motioned to accept the October 21 minutes. Ms. Havens seconded, and the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Director's Report

Mr. Hallman raised the question of charging out-of-town participants for all fitness classes. Currently there is no charge for Tuesday and Friday classes, since those instructors' pay is covered by the library. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday classes cost non-residents \$5. Question: Should we charge for all classes and channel the funds back to the Recreation Program to help pay administrative costs? A lengthy discussion ensued in which the Mayor explained that any money realized from charging patrons could only go into the general fund, so could not be earmarked for the Rec Department. The board decided to leave the charging structure as it is, particularly since there have been no complaints.

The capital reserve fund contains \$377,589. The chimney is complete and in good shape. The front railing has been ordered.

Librarian's Report

E-Sports and Fishing Club are moving forward. Costs for the clubs will be covered in the next quarter.

Mr. Pulido's Report

Recent Events

Attendance

Oct. 26	Authortime, Dr. Paul Wichansky	5
Oct. 29	Fall Children’s Book Fair	85
Oct. 30	Children’s Halloween Movie	45
Nov. 2	Live Animal Event—Wolves	225
Nov. 7	Diwali	126
Nov. 9	Live Animal Event—Penguins	165

Upcoming Events

Nov. 16	Live Animal Event—Reptiles, Owl
Nov. 23	Authortime, Jessica Fox
Dec. 7	Authortime, Dylan Finn
Dec. 10	Christmas/Hanukkah Holiday Concert, 6 pm
Dec. 17	Family Holiday Movie Night
TBD	Senior Christmas Brunch with BES & Manasquan Choirs

Treasurer’s Report

Ms. Havens delivered the financial report for September, 2024.

September 2024		Spent to date	Reimbursement
Budget Amount	\$864,574.00		
Spent to date	\$458,542.74	\$465,967.21	\$7,424.47
Waiting to pay vendor	\$32,420.00		
STD & Waiting	\$490,962.74		
Balance of Budget	\$373,611.26		
Budget Amount	\$864,574.00		
Amount Spent	\$490,962.74		
Balance	\$373,611.26		
% remaining to date		57%	

President’s Report

The bench donor was very happy with the bench, its placement and landscaping. The digital sign is now back up and running.

Since there was no new or old business, Ms. Roper-Robinson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Blattner. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 9.

Submitted by Pat Hutchinson, 01/3/25

(Dec. 9 meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be Jan. 13, 2025.)