

## **Board of Trustee Minutes September 3, 2015:**

**Meeting called to order:** by Marijane Brandau at 6:00 P. M.

The required posting was made in compliance with the Sunshine Laws.

### **Roll Call:**

Present: Robert Alviene, Karen Basse, Marijane Brandau, Louis Coro, Camille Piccirillo, Marie Pra, and Luis Rodriguez (Library Director, ex-officio).

Absent: Alex Anemone

### **Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the August 6, 2015 meeting were approved without changes.

### **President's Comments:**

Marijane went to an August concert in Butler Park and passed out literature to about fifteen attendees.

### **Minutes**

The Board approved the July 2, 2015 minutes.

### **Director's Comments:**

See the attached written report. Luis highlighted some items from the report:

- Luis discussed some statistics he gave to the Board. The Opening Borrower report shows that a good number of people from Bloomingdale visit the Butler Library.
- The Library is planning to purchase two new computers via the MAIN group purchase program. The Mayor suggested he show the pricing to the Borough's IT director.
- He discussed what MAIN libraries do to collect from patrons who owe much money. He mentioned a collection agency in Sussex County that has a good reputation in treating people they contact. He also mentioned how the Library of the Chathams sends a copy of an overdue notice to the Chief of Police.
- He also discussed how he plans to find more display spaces to hold community resources.

- He mentioned how he spoke to the owner of the Riverplace Grocery store and how he offered to give him a list of materials in Hindi and Gujarati owned by the Library. The owner said he would donate water bottles for Library programs.
- The Library hired Rachel Lee as a page. Luis mentioned how he asked Rachel, who is on the Student Council at the Butler High School, if she could help him meet with the Council.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Marie reported that the Library checkbook account has \$66,136.72.

Luis discussed the budget projection he tracks. The projections continue to show that the Library budget will not be overspent unless for an unanticipated expenditure. The salary lines seem like an area in which the Library could have a surplus to provide a reserve for the next year.

The Board approved August expenditures.

### **New Business**

Luis asked the Board to approve a raise to \$9.25 (an extra dollar per hour) for James Crisman so he can help with Library technology projects. The Board approved the raise in his hourly salary.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Rodriguez  
Director, Butler Public Library