

**RIDGEFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OF March 26, 2024**

The meeting of the Ridgefield Free Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Catherine Suarez. President Catherine Suarez read the Open Public Meeting Statement.

ATTENDANCE

In attendance were Mrs. Rose Huzovic, Mrs. Bonnie Ilch,, Ms. Daisy Jimenez, Mrs. Maria Krum, Ms. Debbie Kontolios, Ms. Jennifer LaMorte and President Catherine Suarez.

Jennifer LaMorte and Bonnie Ilch was sworn in by President Catherine Suarez.

A copy of the February 27, 2024 minutes was reviewed by the Board. Upon a motion made by Ms. Maria Krum, and seconded by Mrs. Bonnie Ilch, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Reports covering February 29, 2024, read by Ms. Kontolios. A motion to accept the report was made by Ms. Maria Krum and seconded by Ms. Jennifer LaMorte. The motion was carried unanimously.

VENDOR SHEET

The Vendor Sheet dated February 29, 2024 was examined and discussed. A motion to accept the Vendor Sheet was made by Treasurer Debbie Kontolios and seconded by Mrs. Bonnie Ilch. President Suarez took a roll call vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The March Director's report was read by President Suarez. The library had a busy month with positive feedback on its programming for adults, teens, and children. They extended the chess class through the end of June. They are planning Monday late afternoon programs for tweens/teens for June, July, and August. Aviva has been working on the Summer Reading Program. Ms. Forte attended the Director's meeting this month. Yilin, Margot and Jane met with three copier vendors and are waiting for formal proposals to discuss at the next Board meeting. They are still looking for vendors for the public bathroom renovations. Routine maintenance was done on the building, including lighting and the installation of outdoor "No Smoking" signs near the front entrance doors.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library Annual Spring Luncheon at Cafe Tivoli was held on March 20 with 40 people in attendance. The

next meeting is on Wednesday April 17.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Outreach to Senior Citizens - To be discussed at next meeting.
- Library programs added to Recreation flyer - To be discussed at next meeting.
- Letter to school re: high school volunteers.
- President Suarez to swear in Josephine Mendoza at future meeting.
- Proposal from Aviva to attend AJL Conference was discussed. Motion to approve request by children's librarian to cover the cost of the AAJL conference up to \$1,200 (based on airfare and \$499 conference fee). The requirement for the reimbursement will be submission of receipts, as well as return from the conference with an action plan, training of staff and presentation to board. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

President Suarez swore in Mrs. Bonnie Ilch and new Trustee, Ms. Jennifer LaMorte.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Borough Council Library Liaisons Ms. Joanna Leigh Congalton-Hali and Councilman James Kontolios were present.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:08 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Treasurer Debbie Kontolios and seconded by Mrs. Maria Krum. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Daisy Jimenez