

**RIDGEFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OF MAY 28, 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 Ms. Rose Huzovic, Ms. Bonnie Ilch, Ms. Daisy Jimenez, Ms. Debbie Kontolios, Ms. Jin Kye, President Catherine Suarez, Director Jane Forte, and Assistant Director, Ms. Yilin Sheng.

A copy of the April 23, 2024, minutes was reviewed by the Board. Upon a motion made by Ms. Kye and seconded by Ms. Kontolios, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

A copy of the March 26, 2024, minutes was reviewed and corrected by the Board. Upon a motion made by Ms. Kye and seconded by Ms. Ilch, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Reports covering April 30, 2024, read by Ms. Kontolios. A motion to accept the report was made by Ms. Ilch and seconded by Ms. Kye. The motion was carried unanimously.

VENDOR SHEET

The Vendor Sheet dated May 28, 2024, was examined and discussed. A motion to accept the Vendor Sheet was made by Ms. Kye and seconded by Ms. Ilch. President Suarez took a roll call vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S & FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

May Director's report was read by Ms. Forte. Our library is ready to step into summer with many programs and activities especially planned for the children. This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library", which will kick off the last week of June. The complete schedule will be provided for the Board at the next meeting. Spanish classes will continue during July and August; Easy English will take a break but will have Tai Chi continue in its time slot on Monday nights in July and August. All of the evening programs are well attended. All Seasons Chamber Music Group performed at the library on Sunday, May 19th. Adult programs planned for July and August include a program on selling "treasures" from your attic and basement and another on Indian cooking. Landscaping and outdoor cleanup was done on May 17. The security cameras were adjusted on May 20. Window tinting of the small high windows in the adult reading areas will be done on May 29. New upholstered chairs for the adult reading area were ordered. The Friends of the Library met on May 15. The Martha Resch and Williams Family Scholarship recipients were chosen and will be announced at the RMHS awards ceremony on June 4. The next friend's meeting will be Wednesday, June 19 at 1 PM and the Book Club will meet on June 20. All are welcome to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

- We received a check for \$22,867.68 from Rose M. Brockman's Estate account and an additional \$1,128 for accumulated dividends. Thank you for your generosity and love for the Ridgefield Public Library!
- Email copies of Library bathroom estimates.
- Tai Chi Classes with Chiling Weng - classes are offered from May 9 - June 27 at 6:30 pm
- Teen Summer Events Flyer
- Friends of the Ridgefield Public Library monthly meeting flyer - 6/19 at 1 PM
- June 2024 Adult Library Program Calendar
- June 2024 Children's Event Program Calendar

OLD BUSINESS

- Board of Trustee Jennifer LaMorte has resigned, and Ms. Marilena Ojeda has been appointed.
- We will choose Artline for the Library bathroom renovation. After clarifying 3 items, we will vote on it at the next board meeting in June
- Copier lease agreement okayed
- The new Board of Trustees contact list has been updated

NEW BUSINESS

- Personnel Committee (Catherine, Daisy, Maria, and Josephine) Alt. Marilena - emails will be sent to set up personnel committee meetings preferably on Mondays or Tuesdays.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Anisa Ali came in and asked if we had any volunteer opportunities for Social work services at the library. She has a social work background and is willing to help us. We will also try to find a grant opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Kontolios and seconded by Ms. Kye. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jin Kye