RIDGEFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE

In attendance was President Bernice Ranieri, Mrs. Neisha Cedeno, Mrs. Bonnie Ilch, Mrs. Lorraine Slovak, Mrs. Anna Kitchener, Mrs. Catherine Suarez, Councilman James Kontolios, Councilman Dennis Shim, Councilman Hugo Jimenez and Library Director, Ms. Jane Forte.

A copy of the June 25, 2019 minutes was reviewed by the Board. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Cedeno and seconded by Mrs. Kitchener, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2019 read by Mrs. Slovak. A motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Cedeno and seconded by Mrs. Kitchener. President Ranieri took a roll call vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report dated July 31, 2019 read by Mrs. Slovak. A motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Ilch and seconded by Mrs. Cedeno. President Ranieri took a roll call vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2019 read by Mrs. Slovak. A motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Kitchener and seconded by Mrs. Cedeno. President Ranieri took a roll call vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

VENDOR SHEET

The Vendor Sheet dated September 24, 2019 was examined and discussed. A motion to accept the Vendor Sheet was made by Mrs. Cedeno and seconded by Mrs. Slovak. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Vendor Sheets dated July 23, 2019 & August 27, 2019 were approved by the Board Members via email.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Library is saying goodbye to summer and looking forward to a busy fall and winter with several programs and events planned. We are especially excited to host HealthEASE, sponsored by Bergen County on November 2. The Library received a $5000 grant from the Kinder Morgan Foundation to be used to purchase materials which will support the school district curricula. Regular maintenance on the inside and outside of the building was done over the summer. The murals in the children’s department are finished.
**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

The Friends met on September 23rd for the annual Tea Meeting. The raffle baskets and gift card fundraisers continue to do well. The Friends will host the Library table at the Ridgefield Health Fair on October 19. The Friends will have their next meeting on October 21st, with guest speaker Kevin Woyce on “Halloween: A Haunted History.”

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Friends September Raffle & Gift Card Flyers, Summer Reading Statistical Report
Author Talk Flyer-Cathy Bao Bean, Monday Matinee Movie Flyer
Metropolitan Plant Flyer, BCCLS Friends Breakfast Flyer
October with The Friends Flyer, Free Mandarin Classes Flyer
September Calendar

**OLD BUSINESS**

Power wash outside of building will be requested by the DPW
Proclamations were framed and will be hung on the walls in the Children’s Department
Italian goods are still being collected for Raffle Baskets

**NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent of Schools Mr. McCourt will visit the Library on October 3rd
Statistical report on Launch Pads was requested
Friends will host the library table at the Ridgefield Health Fair
There will be an art show in December
The link for the Library video message recorded by Mrs. Kitchener will be requested to be posted on the Board of Education website.
Smartphone help for Senior Citizens provided by RMHS Students and hosted by the Library

**QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mrs. Kitchener was honored for Hispanic Heritage Month
Councilman Kontolios will extend/strengthen Wi-Fi throughout the library building
Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes’ father would like to give a talk about immigration at the Library

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:00 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Ilch and seconded by Mrs. Cedeno. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Slovak