

**March 11, 2020**

**The Deptford Free Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting held at the Deptford Free Public Library, 670 Ward Dr, Deptford, NJ 08096 at 6:00PM.**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

The Sunshine Law Statement was read.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**

**ROLL:** Dina Zawadski, Dawn Troxell, Ellen Jones, Barbara Craig, Christine Helder, Patrice D'Ottaviano, Jenna McAndrews

**EXCUSED:** Nina Lamb, Desiree Laning

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion made by Christine Helder, seconded by Ellen Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC ON THE AGENDA:**

Motion to open to the public made by Dawn Troxell, seconded by Ellen Jones. All in favor. Motion carried. No public comments were made. Motion to close made by Dawn Troxell, seconded by Barbara Craig. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We have been working on the application for funding from the NJ Library Construction Bond Act.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

R031120-1465 Resolution to apply for the grant entitled New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act, motion to approve was made by Dawn Troxell and seconded by Christine Helder. All in favor. Motion carried.

R031120-1466 Resolution to appoint Senior Library Assistant, motion to approve was made by Patrice D'Ottaviano and seconded by Barbara Craig. All in favor. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REMARKS:**

We held a reading contest for Black History Month in February for children in grades Pre-K to 8. Children received one entry for each book they read written by a Black author or featuring African American characters. A 5-year old and 10-year old each won a \$25 gift card to Walmart courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

On February 29th we had the Djembe – African Drum Circle program and the children had a great time and learned about many different hand drums including the djembe and the tama.

We'd like to thank Board President, Dina Zawadski and Mayor Medany for helping the library celebrate Dr. Seuss by reading to our toddler patrons during story hour.

We will be having traditional Irish music played on the fiddle (violin) here on Saturday, March 14th, 2020 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

On March 28th, Ms. Susann will be having another Book Bingo program where the kids will get to play bingo and the prizes are books. We had a great turn out the last few times we held it.

The library will be sponsoring a poetry contest with the Deptford Township schools in honor of National Poetry Month (April). We will be giving out prizes to the winners at our next board meeting on April 8th.

We are moving forward with getting together the required materials to apply for the NJ Library Construction Bond Funding.

I will be calling board members to schedule a budget committee meeting and a special events committee meeting.

**PRESIDENTS REMARKS:**

We met with the school superintendent to try and promote the library within the school system. We are trying to encourage students to come to the library and get credits here or a homework pass, etc.

Possibly have a game night again, maybe e-sports, we are trying to incorporate a teen area in our application for the grant funds.

We have the poetry contest going to try and get the school more involved in promoting the public library. We need to think outside the box and get the community and schools more involved in using the library.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**TRUSTEES' REMARKS:** None.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**BILLS & VOUCHERS:**

A motion to approve the bills and vouchers for February was made by Ellen Jones and seconded by Dawn Troxell. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion to open to the public for comments was made by Barbara Craig, seconded by Patrice D'Ottaviano. All in favor. Motion carried. No public comments were made. Motion to close the public comments was made by Ellen Jones, seconded by Dawn Troxell. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Patrice D'Ottaviano, seconded by Dawn Troxell to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 6:15 PM**

**The next Board meeting will be at 6:00 PM,  
April 8, 2020 at the Deptford Free Public Library.**