

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maywood Public Library was held on October 16, 2024, in the Hackbarth Auditorium at the Library.

In accordance with the requirements of the Sunshine Law of the State of New Jersey, the area newspapers have been properly notified of this meeting.

President Stathis called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM.

The following were present:

Trustees: M. Stathis, B. Dugan, A. Sabatini, N. Jengo, R. Stuetz, K. Smith

Library Director: C. Hull

Council Liaison: J. DeMuro

Superintendent Appointee: Lynn Soriano

The following were absent:

Mayor: R. Bolan

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2024, moved by Stathis, seconded by Stuetz.

Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro	Soriano
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Public Portion - none

Friends Report

There is a Pop Up Sale with 7 carts of books.

The library will participate in the Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday from 10-4.

Joanne attended a zoom meeting about Banned Books. The number of challenges are decreasing. The advice of the presenters was that if someone requests a ban "Listen, don't Tell".

There will be a Cabbage Night Spooky Reading at the Library at 6:30 on October 30.

Correspondence - none

Director's Report

- 1) The new carpet is in the Hackbarth Auditorium
- 2) The mariachi concert had 25 attendees.
- 3) The BCCLS bill has gone up a little.
- 4) During the Fall Festival / Arts Fair / Green Fair, the library gave away plants.

5) The library will hold a fundraiser from 11/4-11/25 with blankets, socks, zip up sweatshirts, and crewneck t-shirts.

Stathis asked 2 questions:

1) How is after school attendance? There are approximately 40-50 kids that come after school. There are fewer highschoolers; when they do come, they arrive later.

2) What's happening with the DPW and the drains? The DPW cleaned out the drain with suction. They will also widen the drain to prevent backups. The gutters will need to be cleaned after the leaves fall and before it freezes.

September 2024 Bill List

a) Prestige: 24 items amounting to \$17,612.94

Moved to accept by Stuetz, seconded by Stathis. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

b) Hackbarth: 9 items amounting to \$36,099.08

Moved to accept by Sabatini, seconded by Jengo. Motion carried.

	Stathis	Engel	Dugan	Jengo	Sabatini	Stuetz	Smith	DeMuro
Vote	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Committee Reports - none

Old Business

Motion to approve a payment of no more than \$27, 276.66 to be paid to BHC architects once invoice is received made by Stathis, seconded by Jengo. Motion carried.

New Business

Closed session from 6:37-7:15. Soriano left at 6:47. Smith left at 7:05.

Motion to permanently ban patron caught committing theft of staff belongings from Maywood Library premises (building and grounds) for violating the library's Code of Conduct policy made by Stathis, seconded by Sabatini. Motion carried.

The Policy Committee should update the Code of Conduct to include repercussions and consequences of violating the policy.

Stathis moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM, seconded by Jengo. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bina Dugan, Secretary