

The 855th Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Elmont Memorial Public Library, Elmont Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York was held at the Elmont Memorial Public Library on January 26, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER/EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Livingstone Young, President at 7:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Livingstone Young, President
Ms. Gina Burnett, Vice President
Ms. Ellice Bekier
Ms. Monique Hardial
Ms. Mimi Pierre Johnson
Ms. Suzanne Schatz
Ms. Natasha Warburton Welch

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Jean Simpson, Library Director
Mr. Frank Marino, Advanced Consulting Corp.
Joshua Shteierman, Esq., Board Attorney
Ms. Catherine Antioco, Library Board Clerk

PUBLIC

Mr. Ralph Esposito
Mr. Gene Goldsmith
Ms. Julie Marchesella
Mr. Pat Boyle

At this time Mr. Young deviated from the usual agenda to entertain a request by Ms. Julie Marchesella, President of the Elmont Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is requesting permission to erect a plaque in the Library to honor a deceased member of the Elmont community, Ms. Rita Mezzapelle, founder and editor of the Elmont Herald newspaper. They wished to honor her for her tireless efforts on behalf of Elmont, especially her efforts in preventing the sale of the Alva T. Stanford junior high school and its property to developers.

Mr. Pat Boyle, Mr. Ralph Esposito and Mr. Goldsmith also addressed the Board lauding Ms. Mezzapelle's contributions to Elmont and their wish that a plaque in her honor could be displayed at the Library.

Mr. Young thanked everyone and assured them that the Trustees will look into this request and contact them as soon as they reach a decision.

Ms. Burnett moved to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m.
Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Agenda Items Only

No discussion.

Meeting Room or Theater Requests

There were no meeting room or theater requests requiring Board action.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 2022

The Minutes were approved as presented.

FINANCE

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2713 dated December 11, 2022 in the amount of \$56,559.52. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Payroll Warrant #2714 dated December 25, 2022 in the amount of \$53,518.35. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Bill Warrant #2715 dated January 10, 2023 in the amount of \$40,592.86. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Board Appointees Warrant #2716 dated January 8, 2023 in the amount of \$50,433.84. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Bill Warrant 2717 dated January 26, 2023 in the amount of \$162,185.63. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve Board Appointee's Warrant #2718 dated February 1, 2023 in the amount of \$17,561.39. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve the Amazon Expense Report for the period November 25, 2022 to January 8, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

Ms. Burnett moved to approve the Credit Card Expense Report for the period December 5, 2022 to December 30, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Bekier.

Unanimously carried.

The Trustees reviewed the Monthly Position Paper for the period December 10, 2022 through January 20, 2023.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Simpson reported.

The Trustees were in possession of Ms. Simpson's report dated January 20, 2022 as well as reports from the Adult Reference Department, Young Adult Services Department and Children's Services Departments. Computer updates are included in the reports.

Ms. Simpson brought the Trustees up to date on the staff's continued outreach to the schools. Field trips to the Library are increasing.

In cooperation with the NICE Bus Initiative, Elmont signage is being placed at the bus stop.

Free tax assistance is again being offered.

Ms. Simpson highlighted two new databases:

LOTE-4Kids offers digital picture books in over 50 languages.

The Morningstar Investment Research Central database is designed to help novice and veteran investors, including a comprehensive help and education center with monthly webinars.

ADVANCED CONSULTING CORPORATION

Mr. Marino reported.

He recommended setting a date for review of the Administration's Proposed 2023/2024 Library Budget.

The attorney is reviewing changes to the Workplace Violence Policy.

Review of the Library's insurance policies is underway.

Discussion followed regarding a proposed solar energy system for the Library.

Bid 2023-1 Printing, Sorting and Mailing is being prepared.

Discussion regarding how to insure that scholarship applications for high school seniors is reaching everyone eligible to apply.

LEGAL

Other than routine matters and those discussed in Executive Session, Mr. Shteierman had nothing to report.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for the Board's review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports requiring action.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for the Board's consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for the Board's attention.

PUBLIC

Public input was received at the beginning of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT


The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on February 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elmont Memorial Public Library. If necessary, the Board will convene into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. followed by public session.

Ms. Pierre Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
Seconded by Ms. Warburton Welch.

Unanimously carried.

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Respectfully submitted,


Catherine Antioco, Board Clerk