

**Rutherford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for June 17, 2019 Meeting**

Open Meeting

1. Roll Call

Trustees Present	Ms. Wendy Armacost Ms. Julie Kajouras Mr. Anthony Nicodemo Mr. James Rizzo Ms. Krista Vellis Ms. Pat Wester Mr. Palmer Yale – arrived 7:02
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Absent	Ms. Brenda Fargo Ms. Monica Rodriguez
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Staff Present	Mr. Judah Hamer, Director
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Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ms. Kajouras
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2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act

Ms. Wester read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. President's Report

A. Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda with amendments
Moved: Armacost **Seconded:** Wester
For: Armacost, Kajouras, Nicodemo, Rizzo, Vellis, Wester
Against:
Abstain:

B. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019 open meeting.

Moved: Armacost **Seconded:** Vellis

For: Armacost, Kajouras, Wester, Yale

Against:

Abstain: Nicodemo, Rizzo, Vellis

4. Hearing of the citizens

Ms. Kajouras opened the hearing of the citizens. As no citizens were present to speak, the hearing was closed.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Director's Report

Mr. Hamer indicated that the regulations for the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act should be released in draft form July 1, 2019. He noted that with this release, the 90-day application process should start around October or November.

Mr. Hamer reported that the LED lights in the adult fiction failed en masse, and so all of them have been replaced. Nabil Farag re-cut and re-fitted the ceiling tiles since the new and old lights were slightly different sizes.

Mr. Hamer updated the Board on The Memorandum of Agreement with the Borough, regarding the storage room. It has been expedited. Mr. Hamer is working through the clean-out, so that the space is prepared for the Borough when it is ready to move in material.

Mr. Hamer explained that due to the raise in the minimum wage law, the Page staff positions will be phased out. Under the new law, in several years the Pages would be on the same compensation level as Library Associates and Assistants who have many more responsibilities. It is not a sustainable or advisable hourly rate for the work associated with the constraints of the Page job title.

Mr. Hamer summarized upcoming plans of the Friends of the Library. They will mount their mini book sale at the Labor Day Street Fair. Mr. Hamer will assist with planning and staff who volunteer to work that day (or a portion thereof) will be available to help them during the Fair. The Friends are also planning a musical concert in September with professional singer, Rosemary Loar. This event will be a fundraiser.

Mr. Hamer announced the launch of the new BCCLS delivery service. There is some overlap between this service and the Library Link NJ one until the latter is phased out, causing extra labor on the part of the circulation staff.

Mr. Hamer shared that Anne McCormack has donated the archive of the Polymathic Club, of which she is a longstanding member. Rhoda Portugal will process these materials.

Mr. Hamer highlighted the summer reading flyer, included in the Trustee's packets.

Mr. Hamer commented that Montclair Public Library recently announced it will go fine-free. Not charging patrons fees for late materials is a small trend in public libraries, and Mr. Hamer will observe this trend and its impact.

7. Finance

Motion: To approve payment of bills enclosed in packet with additions.
Moved: Armacost **Seconded:** Wester
For: Armacost, Kajouras, Nicodemo, Rizzo, Veills, Wester, Yale
Against:
Abstain:

8. Other reports:

Mayor (or Alternate) – No report.

Foundation – Ms. Kajouras gave a recap of the Foundation meeting.

Legal – No report.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

None

11. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Wester Seconded: Armacost

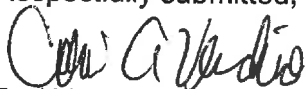
For: Armacost, Kajouras, Nicodemo, Rizzo, Vellis, Wester, Yale

Against:

Abstain:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cori Verdino