

## Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library of the Township of Washington

### September 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**Time and Place:** The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library was called to order by Board President Joanne Robertson in the Conference Room at the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library, 606 Delsea Drive, Sewell, NJ on September 21, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunshine Law Statement:** A notice was read that was published and posted according to the NJ Open Public Meetings Act.

**Quorum:** Gary Breen, Mary Breslin, David Bruce, Barbara Julian, Joanne Robertson, Paula Smith, Jane Crocker

**Also Present:** Joseph Alacqua, Esq.; Sheila Mikkelson, Library Director; Dina Meddings, Board Secretary; Bob Kieserman, Kieserman Media

**Absent:** Roy Dawson; Carole McNaughton; Nick Fazzio, Council Liaison

Mikaela Cook was introduced to the Board as a new Library Shelver.

**Minutes:** It was moved by David Bruce and seconded by Jane Crocker to approve the minutes of the August 2016 Board meeting. All in favor with Gary Breen and Paula Smith abstaining due to absence at the August meeting. Motion carried.

**President's Report:** "Sheila and I attended the 2016 New Jersey Library Trustee Institute on September 10, 2016 in East Windsor. The Keynote speaker, Maureen Sullivan, was excellent, and spoke on re-envisioning the future of libraries. She believes that community leaders, civic partners and librarians need to collaborate to share a new vision for what libraries can be. 'To meet the needs of individuals, the community and the nation, public libraries must be re-invented in the knowledge society; public libraries must be re-invented for a networked world in which the value of networks grows as more connections are made.' Mrs. Sullivan is a Consultant and Advisor for the Aspen Institute in Colorado. We both attended an afternoon session, Strengthening the Libraries Profile in the Community. Fund raising ideas were also presented, which could be conducted by The Friends of the Library. Throughout the conference, a need to have a strategic plan was emphasized, based upon the collective collaboration of the community, Trustees, Librarians, and Public Leaders. It must be a vision for the future. Handout: Library Trustee Resources"

**Treasurer's Report:** Resolution No. 2016-38 was moved by David Bruce and seconded by Paula Smith to authorize payment of all obligations on the September 2016 bill list, in the amount of \$91,270.81. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Director's Report:** The parking lot reconstruction plan will be available for review at the October Board meeting. Food for Fines is being planned for November to benefit Mother's Cupboard. Sheila introduced Bob Kieserman to lead the focus group portion of the meeting, and Sheila and Dina exited the meeting at approximately 5:18 p.m.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Jane Crocker and seconded by Gary Breen to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.