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# New Brunswick Free Public Library

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## Minutes, Board of Trustees

November 13, 2013 5:00 p.m.

Approved February 26, 2014

1. Announcement of Compliance with Open Public Meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent electronically to the Home News Tribune and was posted in the library, on the library website, and at City Hall.
2. Call to Order.
3. Roll Call. Present: Binde, Celey, Diaz, Monus, Ortiz; Excused: Alfonso, Clafien, Gutierrez, J. Marchetta, R. Marchetta; Staff: Belvin, Crittenden.
4. Approval of Excused Absences. Ortiz (Celey), unanimous.
5. Approval of Agenda. Diaz (Ortiz), unanimous.
6. Approval of Minutes of the October 23 Meeting. Ortiz (Monus), unanimous.
7. Approval of Bills. Deferred.
8. Committee Reports.
  - 8.1. Policy Committee:
    - 8.1.1. Security Cameras. The policy was approved. Ortiz (Monus), unanimous.
    - 8.1.2. Charging for Services: Belvin had previously mentioned the discussions that the Public Policy Committee of NJLA was having this subject. He mentioned one New Jersey public library had gone as far as charging a \$5.00 fee to register for their Summer Reading Program.
  - 8.2. Finance Committee.
    - 8.2.1. In August, the Board directed Belvin to arrange for the reinvestment of the \$50,000 Treasury Note due September 30 and the \$50,000 Morgan Stanley FDIC CD due November 29. In conversation with Alan Voorhees of USB, Belvin approved the purchase of a \$75,000 Treasury Note due in 2018. In April of 2014, the other \$25,000 from the Morgan Stanley CD could be combined with the \$30,000 from a Treasury Note due in April of 2014 and funds on deposit with USB to purchase another \$75,000 Treasury Note due in 2019. This would leave about \$27,000 in the USB cash account in April 2014.
  - 8.3. Program Committee.
    - 8.3.1. Poetry: The Raritan Valley Federation of Libraries will be publishing its second annual Poetry Month Celebration Anthology. This year's theme will be "Our Town," commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the play by Thornton Wilder. Poets whose work is chosen for the Anthology will be invited to read at their home library's Poetry Celebration in April. Participating libraries include Bernards Township, Bernardsville, Dunellen, Middlesex, New Brunswick, and Raritan. The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 7. The Celebration Reading at New Brunswick Public Library will take place Monday, April 28 in the Carl T. Valenti Community Room.

- 8.4. Friend's Liaison: The November 6 program was Dr. Ann Gordon. The December program will be musicians from Mason Gross School of the Arts.
9. Directors Report.
  - 9.1. ALA Mid-Winter Conference: The American Library Association 2014 Midwinter Meeting and Exhibition will be at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia from January 24-to 28, 2014.
  - 9.2. Audio Books: Recorded Books has added OneClickdigital Classics at <http://newbrunswicknj.oneclickdigital.com>.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Old Business.
12. New Business.
  - 12.1. Holiday Party. The consensus was that the party would be brunch at Old Man Rafferty's at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 5.
  - 12.2. Resolution on Mae Silver's Eightieth Birthday. The Board directed Belvin to send flowers to Ms. Silver. Diaz (Celey), unanimous.
13. Other Matters.
  - 13.1. LMx Awards Reception, December 3, at the Pines Manor in Edison.
    - 13.1.1. The 2013 LMx Awards Reception will be held at the Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27 in Edison on Tuesday Dec 3 from 5:30 to 7:30.
14. Public Comment.
15. Adjournment.

**Next Meeting December 11**