Meeting Called to Order
@7:07 by Joe Ferguson

Roll Call
Present
Joe Ferguson
Carol Ferguson
Lee Hsieh
Rich Giacobone
Fran Beck
Alice Albanese
Katie Piano (Director)

Absent
Sophie Lee

Acceptance of Minutes
Joe made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2022 meeting; 2nd Lee Hsieh; all in favor; yes; opposed; none.

Presidents Report
On August 23, 2022, Katie Piano-Palisades Park Public Library Director, presented the Board President with a letter of resignation. Ms. Piano’s resignation would be effective September 30, 2022. Joe noted that Katie has been an asset to the Library during the last 6 years and that she would be deeply missed by the Board, library employees and patrons. The Board wishes Katie the best in her future endeavors. We are in receipt of the resumes of the 2 final candidates for the Director Position.

Treasurer’s Report-Carol Ferguson
No report at this time.

Director’s Report-Katie Piano
Katie thanked the board for all the opportunity and support she has received and said it has been an honor to work for the Palisades Park Public Library.

Katie asked that the updated Meeting Room Policy be approved. All in favor-yes; opposed-none
The summer reading program was such a success. Children’s programs were immensely popular and a second session for some events was necessary to accommodate all the children participating.
Creative Library Concepts is the state contracted company the library is working with to refresh the library.
Aleya Uslu was the recipient of the Library Scholarship this year and stopped by the Library to thank the Director in person.
Covid has shown us that the unpredictable can happen at anytime and certain situations require legal guidance and after speaking to many other BCCLS library directors and the NJ State Library, I would like to hire an attorney that specializes in Library Law. Michael Cerone was highly recommended to me. On July 31, 2022 Mr. Cerone was hired at the rate of $200 per hour. He will only be paid when we use his services. The Board was called as it was July and the vote is as follows: Joe made a motion to hire Michael Cerone on an “as needed basis at the rate of $200 per hour; 2 nd by Lee Hsieh:
Roll Call
Joe Ferguson-yes
Carol Ferguson-yes
Lee Hsieh-yes
Alice Albanese-yes
Maureen Tansey-yes
Fran Beck-yes
Rich Giacabone-yes

Closed Session
Joe made a motion to go to Closed Session @7:35 to discuss personnel
End Closed Session at 7:47
Return to Open Session at 7:47

Open Session
2 Summer Pages have returned to College and they need to be replaced
1 new page was hired to work up to 24 hours per week at current page salary
1 of our 2 part time custodians has resigned but we do not need to replace at this time, we will reconsider replacing, if the need arises.

Joe made a motion to hire a new page to replace the summer page, 2 nd; Carol Ferguson; Roll Call
Joe Ferguson-yes
Carol Ferguson-yes
Lee Hsieh-yes
Maureen Tansey-yes
Fran Beck-yes
Rich Giacabone-yes
Alice Albanese-yes

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Adjournment
Joe Ferguson made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 2 nd Rich Giacabone; all in favor; so moved