

PALISADES PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
257 2ND STREET
PALISADES PARK, NJ 07650
MEETING OF 12/7/2023 MINUTES

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**Meeting called to order:
7:12 pm-Joe Ferguson**

Roll Call-Tansey

Present

Joe Ferguson
Rich Giacabone(virtual)
Fran Beck
Irene Grala
Helen Jeon
Maureen Tansey

Absent

Sophie Lee
Alice Albanese
Jason Kim (liaison)

Acceptance of Minutes

There was no November meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Joe Ferguson made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting; 2nd Irene Grala; all in favor; so moved.

Treasurer's Report-Tansey

There was no report at this time.

President's Report-Joe Ferguson

The continuing information regarding the mold situation will be covered in the Director's Report portion of the minutes. The President made a motion to approve the bill list noting that transparency is very important, the motion was 2nd by Richard; roll call; all in favor; so moved.

Director's Report

Stephanie presented an outline of *Unpaid Leave Request* policy for part time employees. Joe Ferguson made a motion to accept the first reading of the policy; 2nd Irene Grala; roll call, all in favor; so moved.

The Director requested that the Library join the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission. This Cooperative Pricing System is authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-11 and has been approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of community Affairs. The agreement would be signed by the Board Secretary and the Board President.

Stephanie provided 3 quotes for mold remediation and after much discussion, Consolidated Environmental, Inc. was chosen. Joe Ferguson made a motion to hire Consolidated at a price of \$7430.00 ; 2nd Irene Grala; roll call; all in favor; so moved. The Library would need to be closed during this process.

The Library continues to offer a myriad of programs for both children and adults, which are all very well attended. Below is an example of some of the offerings.

Korean Book Club and Korean Writing Club

Painting Class

Crochet Class

ESL Classes

Lego Club, Cooking Class, Arts and Crafts, Homework Help, Story Time and Musical Munchkins

Closed Session

Joe Ferguson made a motion to go in to closed session @7:52

All in favor; so moved

Close closed Session @8:07

Return to Open Session @8:07

Vote to increase all part time employees salaries:

Roll Call

Joe Ferguson-yes

Helen Jeon-yes

Irene Grala-yes

Richard Giacabone-yes

Fran Beck-yes

Maureen Tansey-yes

Vote to increase Director's salary:

Roll Call

Joe Ferguson-yes

Helen Jeon-yes

Irene Grala-yes

Richard Giacabone-yes

Fran Beck-yes

Maureen Tansey-yes

Vote to increase stipend of 3 employees who have increased their job responsibilities:

Roll Call

Joe Ferguson-yes

Helen Jeon-yes

Irene Grala-yes

Richard Giacabone-yes

Fran Beck-yes

Maureen Tansey-recuse

The Director asked to add the following days for the library to be closed to the 2024 calendar:

December 22nd 2024 2pm closing

December 23rd 2024. (Saturday-closed)

December 27th 2024- Closed

Joe Ferguson made a motion to accept the request; 2nd by Maureen Tansey; all in favor; so moved.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:15