

WEST NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 10, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Viu, Vilma Reyes, Rita Alam, Elizabeth Hernandez, John Fauta, President; Weiliang Lai, Director; Herbert Klitzner, Attorney; Estela Longo, Secretary. **Absent:** George Dones, Mayor's Liaison; Jennifer Rodriguez.

John Fauta, President, called the meeting to order, followed by the reading of the Open Public Meeting announcement. Elizabeth Hernandez was welcomed as the newest board member. Barbara Viu made a motion to approve the March minutes, seconded by Vilma Reyes. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Barbara Viu inquired about the Facebook proposal. John Fauta will try to contact Jennifer Rodriguez since she was not present to inform the group. However, she did contact an ITT representative.

NEW BUSINESS: Elizabeth Hernandez presented a list of proposals for consideration regarding recommendations for improvements in various areas of library services. Further discussion is needed, but some of her suggestions could be implemented before summer.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Lai reviewed each item in detail for the board's approval; after which Barbara Viu motioned to approve, seconded by Elizabeth Hernandez.

Vilma Reyes was concerned about the newspaper ads regarding meetings at the library, since she has not seen any. Mr. Lai explained that the schedule of the meetings was published and he is waiting for the invoice.

A brief discussion followed regarding delegating of tasks to specific library staff members. However, Mr. Lai explained that new people were hired to assist in the children's programs on Friday and Saturday. They will work 4 hours on Friday and 4 hours on Saturday for \$10.00 an hour. All children's programs are back to normal. He also announced a training session for patrons who wish to learn how to use Smart Phones. Carlos, a high school student, will be in charge of the workshop. A third computer class began on Saturday, April 7th. So far 60 residents have undergone training. The Read Across America program was well attended and a huge success with the participation of Vilma Reyes, Rita Alam, John Fauta, and Commissioner Frias, the Deputy Mayor, all reading to the children. Mr. Lai informed the board that the boiler re-inspection fee was refunded after an appeal regarding repairs. He will also call in an air conditioning company to inspect and change air filters as routine maintenance. Due to heavy use all technical and electronic equipment need constant maintenance

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and repair. Internet connections are now faster and more reliable due to upgrades by Verizon and financial aid from the NJ State Library.

Staff member Nina Rhodes is back to work after 2 1/2 months sick leave. All materials are now being processed and available to our patrons. A second staff member, Annette Caliguiro, has been placed on disability for at least 8 months. Finally, a third staff member, Maryann Gorman, continues on disability until April 30, 2012.

The letters thanking the former trustees for their service were sent to the Mayor's office. The secretary could not locate them. She asked that the letters be retyped and sent to her. All board members will have to sign them again.

Mr. Lai then listed all payments made to the computer teacher, the ESL teacher, children's program assistant, and 2 staff members for additional hours worked.

Mr. Lai announced some vacation days he will take in April.

Barbara Viu made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rita Alam. The meeting adjourned at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Estela Longo, Secretary