

West New York Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday January 3, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE: Nasrin Alam; Roland Alum; Vilma Reyes; Barbara Viu; Herbert Klitzner, Attorney; Weiliang Lai, Director; John Fauta, President; Estela Longo, Reference Librarian/Acting Secretary. Latecomers: Jennifer Rodriguez; George Dones, Mayor Roque's Representative

President Fauta called the meeting to order. The Open Public Meeting Notice was read. He then thanked Mr. Alum for his services as Acting Chair.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Fauta asked if Mr. DeMarco would attend one of our meetings to discuss parliamentary procedures, to which Mr. Alum replied that he would be attending. Ms. Reyes inquired about the status of a library employee. Mr. Lai explained the employee is on disability until further notice.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Fauta nominated Ms. Alam for Vice-President. Ms. Reyes made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Viu.

Mr. Fauta asked for a motion to approve the November/December 2011 minutes. Ms. Alam moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Alum.

Ms. Rodriguez put forward the possibility of a Facebook page for the library in order to reach a broader audience. Mr. Lai said a link to the library web site could be included. Various ideas regarding design, content, and security features were discussed. Ms. Rodriguez said she had looked into how other libraries handle their Facebook pages. Further details will be discussed at a later meeting.

Mr. Fauta mentioned the Board of Education's plans to buy the St. Joseph school building. There has been some talk about possibly moving the library to that location.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Budget & Finance report were reviewed. Ms. Reyes moved to approve, seconded by Ms. Viu and Ms. Rodriguez. Mr. Lai reported that two companies submitted estimates regarding the telephone system in the library.

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He recommended accepting the lower estimate since he knows the company is reliable. Ms. Reyes moved to approve the lower estimate, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez.

Mr. Lai said the ESL classes are progressing satisfactorily. Ms. Rodriguez inquired about a second teacher. She will inform Mr. Lai about someone she can recommend in an email.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS: Mr. Alum moved to approve the 2012 Board meeting schedule. It was approved unanimously. Town Hall will be notified of the 2012 meetings.

Mr. Fauta remarked on a Notice of Violation regarding the boiler. There was a brief discussion. It was decided that there were no violations since the boiler had been recently repaired. Mr. Fauta also mentioned the possibility of sharing plumbing services with the Board of Education as this would be cost effective.

Mr. Lai explained procedures regarding book donations and discarded books in answer to a question by Mr. Alum.

The meeting adjourned at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Estela Longo, Reference Librarian/Acting Secretary