

**HUNTERDON COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION  
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314 STATE ROUTE 12  
FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY  
JUNE 19, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Library Commission was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Jean Allured, Thomas Valasek, Nouhad Jensen, Peter Mustardo, Library Director Mark Titus. Absent: William Newitt, Freeholder John Lanza.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT**

Read by Jean Allured

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES**

None.

**REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Jean Allured reported on behalf of the Friends.

- The Friends made \$50,000.000 - \$51,000.00 net from the book sale this year.
- Jean Allured, Mark Titus, Justin Tibbetts and John Gulish will meet to discuss the replanting of the Friends Garden, which should begin sometime in September.
- The Friends have finished putting together their budget.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Thomas Valasek moved approval of the April 17, 2015 meeting minutes. Nouhad Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- National Library Week was supported by the Friends again this year.
- Staff training day went well. The topic was technology and the goal was to make staff more comfortable with it. Mr. Titus expressed appreciation to the Library Commission for their continued support of staff training.
- ComicFest was a success. Over 500 people attended and eight artists took part. Shop Rite supplied sandwiches for the guest artists.
- There was a large turnout for the annual Art Show at Headquarters.
- The bookmobile will be stopping weekly at the bank in Pittstown again this summer.

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### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT (cont.)**

- Statistics are included in the June Director's Report. We are building up our e-book and audiobook collection.

The figures for South County Branch were looked at. The commission would like to see figures from before the move to the present location.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter to Dart Sageser, East Amwell Township Mayor, from Jean Allured, Library Commission Chair, dated April 17, 2015, regarding South County Branch proposal.

Jean Allured spoke with Dick Ginman regarding East Amwell's South County Branch proposal. She reiterated that the commission would be open to hearing a proposal comparable to the current branch.

Mr. Titus spoke with Don Reilly from East Amwell and invited him to attend a library commission meeting.

We have two years left in a five-year lease with an option to renew at the same rate. Mr. Titus told Mr. Reilly we are not interested in a long-term lease. The current landlord has treated the library very well and it is costly to move. Any new proposal would have to make it worthwhile to relocate the branch.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Edmunds system gives us more information, but there are still a few bugs to work out. The reserve funds numbers are not current.

Mr. Titus met with Janet Previte and George Wagner and had some discussion on library funding. Mr. Titus discussed the ideas of a referendum and keeping the county library tax rate stable. Mr. Titus feels we are moving forward in a favorable direction.

Mr. Titus reviewed the vouchers and found them to be in order.

Peter Mustardo moved approval of the financial report. Thomas Valasek seconded. Motion carried.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

The commissioners still need to have seven hours of training this year for the state report. WebJunction is presenting a webinar in August on library advocacy. The Library Commission will watch the archived webinar at their September meeting.

The Library Commission will not be meeting in July.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Library Commission went into executive session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. The commission came out of executive session at 10:30 a.m.

NOTE: Kathleen Connors left the meeting at 10:00 and did not take minutes of executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Kathleen Connors  
Secretarial Assistant