

Minutes of Thursday, February 13, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting of the Orange Public Library held at 6:36pm.

Jonathan Beckford
Karen Harris
David McKnight
Louis Copeland
Theresa Mason

ALSO PRESENT:

April Cruz
Dan Smith, Esq. Board of Trustees Attorney
Alice McMillian
Kendra Mayne- New employee; children Liberian
Anthony James, Esq.
Ann Banks
Quantavia Hilbert – City Council

ROLL CALL (8) PRESENT (0) LATE (0) ABSENT

Public Participation:

Quantavia Hilbert- City Council talk about Girls Scouts Troop; Health Care background and Mental Health Association for women/men.

City Council then introduced Ann Banks from Chamber of Commerce of East Orange, talked about professional Development Workshop series, sponsor by City of East Orange (Theory Leadership institute Inc.

Louis Copeland invited Anthony James, Esq. to talk about teaching a free class to every residents in Orange NJ, Mr. James firm is called Trap Law and he will be teaching basic local government, city budget and how laws are made locally

Trustee Concerns:

The Treasure Report has been submitted for this month

Approval was granted for various bills

Moved by () Seconded by ()

ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN ()

Building and Grounds:

Improvements in the children room, media room, and new floor will be install

Personnel:

Meeting last month with all employees; Union Rep made corrections on the days off, Louis is to have an updated employee hand book

Director Report:

Alice, bills paid for last month; bill list for this month waiting for approval; refresher courses for directors issued by the State of New Jersey; need computer for new librarian

Motion to approve programs for Civil Rights (Orange Empowerment)

Moved by Louis; Seconded by Theresa

ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (0) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

Motion Script Spelling Bee, would you like to be a part of spelling script with Essex, Union, and Somerset

ROLL CALL (8) YEA (0) NAY (1) ABSTAIN (0) ABSENT

Louis rescind motion

Motion to close moved by Jonathan; seconded by Theresa

Next meeting March 13, 2025 6:30pm