

**Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday June 13, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm

Roll Call:

President-

Vice President- Johnathan Beckford- Absent

Trustee- David McKnight- Absent

Secretary- Theresa Mason- Present

Mayors Alternate- Louis Copeland-Present

Karen Harris- Absent

Attorney- Dan Smith- Present

April Cruz- Present

Alice- Present

Public Participation – Karen Wells

Ann Quinn

Shanella Palmer

Fenella Eastman

Trustee Concerns:

Conflict with board members schedule meeting for June 21, 2024

**Ann Quinn- book pantry Jefferson Street, children program not at the library
I was hoping you do one this year literacy volunteer in community**

**Louis- partnership with script national spelling bee will be working on this summer
Ann Quinn- Essex Book pantry. If there is any way I can partner with the library and
volunteer. I ran on zero funds and donation. Do you have funds to allocate for kids to get
prizes?**

Karen Wells- temperature outside was hot and inside no air.

**Louis- board approve for checks for air condition \$184,675.00 library will be worked on
check will be cut on Monday.**

Karen Wells- is there a time frame is there a contract for a time frame

Louis- Explaining how the process work with permit.

Karen Wells- has the State audit been done

Louis- 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23 others will be completed

Karen Wells- its 7 yrs. and audit hasn't been done

Louis- I can give you grants that was done

**Karen Wells- terms of programs W-Orange, So Orange, and Maplewood. Programs in the
library are outstanding there are no programs in W Orange**

Louis- We partner with script programs were done this year art/music

Karen Wells- is there a list

Louis- we will issue a list soon, summer programs

Karen Wells- is there a Liberian here now?

Louis- Alice

Karen Wells- I'm talking about who took Stephanie place

Shanella Palmer- I have a child with autism

Louis- we met a lady who works in Newark who wrote a book and has a son with autism

Karen Wells- is there a program committee/staff

Louis- No there never has been

Karen Wells- will it be consider

Louis- NO

Louis- we work on a limited budget compare to other libraries who receive more money than the City

Karen Wells- you have those positions and you don't have programs

Louis- we could look at that

Ann Quinn- Irvington has a lot of programs

Fenella Eastman – this library only get 1%

Louis- yes all libraries

Fenella Eastman- only source of income allow

Louis- libraries can establish foundation

Fenella Eastman- I'm new to orange, it seems this program needs funding, what can be done

Louis- we submitted a budget and there's a meeting tonight. Infrs_____ worked on this is one of the oldest library in Essex County. We purchase paint out of our pockets and we are volunteers not paid

Ann Quinn- I would like to offer my service and would like to offer a grant writer service and I'm free.

Fenella Eastman- I think it's a great ideal and great service and we need funding

Shanella Plamer- has the library look into volunteer to help the library

Louis- great ideal we will work with them

Karen Wells- how much the library gets from the library foundation?

Louis- I will have to get back to you

Karen Wells- the foundation that was set up by who?

Louis- we don't have control

Karen Wells- how much money does the library get?

Louis- I'll get back to you, we are on an actual number

**Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday June 27, 2024**

**Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm
Meeting today has been reschedule from June 13, 2024**

Roll Call:

President-

Vice President- Johnathan Beckford- Absent

Trustee- David McKnight- Present

Secretary- Theresa Mason- Present

Mayors Alternate- Louis Copeland-Present

Karen Harris- Present

Attorney- Dan Smith- Present

April Cruz- Present

Alice- Present

Public Participation –

Trustee Concerns:

Karen- update on children area

Louis- will start work on Monday, starting with back section, rug will be in after the painting

Karen- we have children working on the wall at the police department

Louis- will it take them all summer. CBG (community block grant)

Karen- that would be great

Karen- who should Mr. Cleary reach out to?

Louis- Me

Community came in on June 13, 2024

Louis- we address some of their concerns, we will work with Fenella Eastman

Karen-

Louis- Thank you so much for brining that to us

Louis- Alize we will be doing banners highlights on how to help students

Louis- Alice do you know about sensory program

Alice- I don't know what she was talking about

Karen- we will have to clean up the area before we do something. We need to provide materials for students to engage in, it's a matter of purchasing a kit for now

Louis- do we need to bring a consultant in because Liberian are not train

Karen- yes there are organization that does that

Louis- (1) autism book signing looking at (2) sensory program on how to develop that and (3) script spelling bee ____

Karen- we want to make sure we get children autism to feel comfortable with all children so they can feel comfortable

Louis- are we doing ESL, I'll speak with ECC. Looking at trades and paralegal classes with

the library

Karen- we only service 3-18 years old

Louis- we would like to connect a lot to college classes, we are trying to partnership with ECC

Karen- I dint know they had a financial literacy

Louis- Economically we should get this lady from M&T, she's no longer there

Dan- you would probably want to consider economic under the umbrella that David brought up

Louis- I think your right Dan

Finance Report

\$31,350.00 paid unit from our portion, it was signed by Carrier, we also gave a deposit they put their permits in. capital \$66,000.68; payroll \$19,368.95 balance \$31,157.21

Louis -Motion to come out of close session

Second Karen

Louis -Motion to approve monthly payment plan to agreement settlement

All in favor (I)

Karen- abstain

Johnathan- abstain

Louis- Motion to issue 31a to 2 employees for neglect of duties and ____ that employee Will get (2) 31a all document will be with write up, take them Tuesday July 2, 2024

2nd Karen

Louis – Motion to pay remaining bill list \$ 9,100.98 +n \$ 4,900

2nd Karen (Johnathan)

Motion to adjourn at 8:17pm