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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cape May County Library Commission held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 1:30pm, in the Board Room of the Cape May County Library in Cape May Court House, NJ.

Present: Mr. Hutchinson, Chair
Mrs. Henderson, Vice Chair
Mrs. Ponichtera, Secretary
Mr. Mastrangelo
Mr. Ludgate
Andrea Orsini, Library Director

1. Mrs. Henderson called the meeting to order and announced it was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. The minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2022 were presented for review and approval. Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion to approve the minutes, which Mrs. Ponichtera seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Orsini presented the bills for the month of October for review and approval for payment. Orsini reported that the \$29,084.25 Overdrive payment was for the eBook Advantage account, and the \$18,623.83 is for the South Jersey Regional Library Co-Op account. Mrs. Mastrangelo made a motion to approve the bills for payment, which Mr. Hutchinson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Under old business:
 - a. Orsini reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Cape May City Library at the Historic FSS was held on 10/10/22. Library Director Orsini, Ms. Ponichtera, Mr. Mastrangelo, and Mr. Hutchinson represented the library at the ceremony.
 - b. Mrs. Henderson inquired about a crosswalk at the new library.
5. Under new business:
 - a. Orsini reported September Children's Department highlights. Orsini reported that there were 41 in-person children's programs with 1,154 participants in September. These programs included: storytimes, Messy Masterpieces, Tot Time, Lego Club, a butterfly program. Orsini also reported the library held its first Costume Swap at the Court House branch on September 24th, with 21 attendees. Any costumes leftover from the swap are being donated to local charities.
 - b. Orsini reported on September Teen Department highlights. Orsini reported that the Teen Department had 12 programs with 83 participants in September, with Teen Game Night being the most popular. Orsini also reported that the Fall Volunteer Program was off to a strong start with all spots filled at Woodbine and 1/2 at Court House.
 - c. Orsini reported on September Adult Programming highlights. Orsini reported that the Adult Programming Department had 90 programs in September with 872 participants.
 - d. Orsini reported that the library had recently added Eastern State Penitentiary and the African American Museum of Philadelphia to the library museum pass program.
 - e. Orsini also reported that the bookmobile generator needed to be replaced.
 - f. Orsini reported that the Middle Twp. Harvest Fest was being held in front of the library on 10/22, and the library would be participating with a booksale, TLC activities, and an Open Mic.
 - g. Orsini also reported that the Upper, Lower, and Court House libraries would all be early voting sites again from 10/29-11/6.
 - h. Resolution October 2022 #1, New Hires, was introduced. Mrs. Henderson made a motion to accept the resolution, which Mr. Mastrangelo seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
 - i. Resolution October 2022 #2, Advancements, was introduced. Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion to accept the resolution, which Mrs. Ponichtera seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

- j. Resolution October 2022 #3, Granting & Amending LOAs, was introduced. Mrs. Henderson made a motion to accept the resolution, which Mr. Mastrangelo seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.
- 6. It was noted that the statistics for the month of September 2022 were listed on the agenda. Orsini noted that circulation was up 9%, program attendance was up 75%, and building attendance was up 21% from September 2021.
- 7. Under public comment:
 - a. Dr. Andrew Drake stated he was able to access the final drawings for the Cape May City Library @ Historic Franklin Street School project. Drake also inquired about his program suggestion from the last meeting. Orsini responded that the suggested program would be better suited for another venue.
- 8. There being no further business, the Commission adjourned.