Time: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Ms. Evans.

Attendance: Present - Jane Evans, President; Robert Glick, Vice President; Alene Shorin, and Reid Goldsmith, Trustees; Christine Belling, Director; Angela Khilnani, Secretary; and Lawrence Israeloff, Treasurer/Accountant.

Absent: Chandra Ganeshkumar, Trustee, was absent with prior notice.
Pamela Martin, Assistant Library Director, was absent with prior notice.

Lawrence Israeloff, Treasurer/Accountant, departed at 6:46 PM.

Public: Sam Sochet of 304 Southwood Circle, Syosset

Pledge of Allegiance:

Minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of September 11, 2018 were unanimously approved.
Goldsmith - Glick
Aye: Shorin, Evans, Goldsmith, Glick

Treasurer’s/Accountant’s Reports: The Board of Trustees accepted the Treasurer’s and Accountant’s reports for September 2019.
Glick – Shorin
Aye: Evans, Goldsmith, Glick, Shorin

Bill Schedules: Unanimously accepted: No. 8 for $214,660.49, No. 9 for $158,176.94 and No. 10 for $114,971.22.
Glick – Shorin Aye: Goldsmith, Glick, Shorin, Evans

Capital Improvement: None

Correspondence: None
Director’s Report: As submitted. Ms. Belling reported that on Sunday, September 15, 2019, the Syosset Woodbury Chamber of Commerce held the Syosset Street Fair from 10 AM to 5 PM. The Syosset Library was a standout attraction at the street fair. Some of the library’s friendliest librarians were on hand to give out information about the library and hand out branded tote bags, cell phone wallets and lip balm. The staff came prepared with a laptop and a mobile hotspot and were able to sign up new patrons, and renew and update patron accounts. Also, the library brought a giant Connect 4 game and jumbo Lego blocks for kids to play with at the fair. Ms. Belling reported that, for the first time, on Friday, October 11, 2019 the library partnered with the Syosset High School Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) and the LGBT Network to host a National Coming Out Day event from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Ms. Belling reported that Syosset Library has long been a participant and large financial supporter of the Nassau Digital Doorway (NDD), which is an eBook and downloadable audiobook consortium comprised of 52 Nassau County public libraries. Due to declining sales, several publishers have imposed restrictions on the purchasing and use of eBooks and downloadable audiobooks. Ms. Belling stated that oftentimes publishers will charge double or triple the price for an eBook and then only allow its use on the Nassau Digital Doorway for 24 months before a new copy must be purchased. Beginning November 1, 2019, Macmillan Publishers will be restricting purchasing to one copy per consortium for the first eight weeks after a book’s release. This unfairly impacts Syosset Library patrons by restricting the library’s ability to purchase enough copies of an eBook to meet the demand for the first two months of a book’s release. Ms. Belling also reported that she and Angela Khilnani, Business Manager, reviewed the library’s banking options in an effort to maximize earned interest potential, and it was decided that the library will stay with HSBC and First National Bank of Long Island. Ms. Belling spoke about Cardigan Camp Edcamp. Edcamp is typically geared toward K-12 teachers. It is a free, participant driven conference where sessions are planned the day of the event. This type of format encourages participants to volunteer to facilitate a conversation on a topic of their choice or choose an idea they are interested in learning more about. Ms. Belling reported that instead of teachers as attendees, the target audience will be librarians from all fields – public, school, academic and special libraries. Syosset Library has partnered with the Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC) to offer professional development credits for participants. In addition, Ms. Belling reported that she is moving forward with the project to update the staff room and hopes to complete it by the end of the year.
Assistant Director’s Report: As submitted. Ms. Belling presented the Assistant Library Director’s report. Ms. Belling reported that the granite on the Circulation Desk has again shifted to create sharp edges. Elegante will repair the shifted seam to prevent a dangerous condition. On September 16, 2019, CIS completed the annual boiler maintenance. The LEGO model of the library is on display on the main level of the library. Ms. Belling stated that Ms. Martin is getting prices for some painting to be done mainly on the first floor. Ms. Belling reported that on Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14, 2019, the library held its second biennial pop culture event. A total of 3,425 people visited the library to hear guest speakers, participate in workshops, enter a costume contest, play games and see exhibits. The community was very impressed with the meticulous planning and hard work by all staff, for this year’s Sy-Con. Ms. Belling reported that on September 27, 2019, a full staff meeting was held. Chris Romance of the Emergency Response Consulting Group gave a presentation about how to prepare for an Active Shooter Emergency. Ms. Belling spoke about Inktober, which is a month-long art challenge created by artist Jake Parker. This focus is on improving drawing skills and developing positive habits. In addition, Ms. Belling reported that a new assisted living facility opened in the Syosset School District. We are working out details on how best to serve the needs of the residents. Ms. Jessikah Chautin went onsite and did library card registrations for the new residents.

Personnel Activity Report: The report of one (1) resignation was accepted by the Board of Trustees for filing.

Glick – Goldsmith   Aye:  Shorin, Evans, Goldsmith, Glick

Committee Reports: None

Response from the Public: Mr. Sochet wanted to introduce himself to the Board of Trustees.

Old Business: 1) The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 2nd reading of the Service Animal & Pet Policy.

Glick – Shorin   Aye:  Goldsmith, Evans, Glick, Shorin

2) The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 2nd reading of the revised Unattended Child Safety Policy.

Glick – Shorin   Aye:  Glick, Evans, Goldsmith, Shorin

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New Business:

1) Resolved, The Board of Trustees unanimously approved declaring renovations and rehabilitations at Syosset Public Library to be classified as Type II actions for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review process.
Glick – Shorin  Aye: Goldsmith, Evans, Shorin, Glick

2) Resolved, The Board of Trustees unanimously approved parking lot expansion funding.
Glick – Shorin  Aye: Glick, Evans, Shorin, Goldsmith

3) The Board of Trustees unanimously approved to open the library early for Professional Development from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM on Sunday, October 27, 2019.
Glick – Shorin  Aye: Shorin, Evans, Glick, Goldsmith

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM
Glick - Shorin
Aye: All

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Khilnani

Secretary to the Board