

ELMWOOD PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING
October 5, 2009

OPEN

Jamie Silverman opened the public meeting at 7:10 P.M. in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jamie Silverman, Doris Wechtler, Louise Gerardi, Lori Sproviero, Timothy Mooney, and Suzanne Roberson

Absent: Mayor Mola

DISCUSSION ITEMS

UNEMPLOYMENT UPDATE

Bobbie Protono notified the Board of Trustees that the library received the decision from the unemployment "Appeal Tribunal" following the telephone hearing on September 18. The employee was seeking unemployment benefits because she claimed that she was terminated. However, the narrative summary of the Appeal Tribunal's decision concluded that the employee's refusal to have an independent medical examination was the cause of the separation. It is considered that she left the job and was not discharged. The decision also stated that the library had attempted to accommodate the employee's condition and the request for an independent medical examination was made to clarify the problem. This decision confirms the first "Notice of Determination" that concluded the employee left work voluntarily and was disqualified for benefits.

CUSMANO DONATION

The furniture that was purchased with the money donated by Carmela Cusmano in memory of her husband Steve arrived. It will be used in front of the Reference Desk to display books on a monthly theme. We will purchase a plaque and dedicate the furniture at the November 16 meeting. Bobbie Protono called Carmela about the plaque and the dedication.

OTHER ITEMS

Jamie Silverman explained that Elaine Leak, our Sunday librarian, retired, applied for her pension, and is now back at work. Bobbie Protono explained that Elaine was required to be separated from employment for at least 30 days before she could return to work. She has returned to work and will abide by the PERS rules for retirees.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Jamie Silverman adjourned the public meeting at 7:26 P.M.