

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 25, 2009

TCPL Board members present: Henrik Dullea, President; Eric Acree, Thomas Colbert, Nathan Fawcett, Barbara Page, Rochelle Proujansky, Marcy Rosenkrantz, Christine Sanchirico, Michael Stamm, John Vineyard, David Weil

Board members absent: Susan Currie, Richard Driscoll, Michael Hall, Nancy Schuler

Also present: Janet Steiner, Director; Rosemarie Rice, Assistant Director; Jean Stewart, Library Secretary; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, TCPL Foundation

Meeting convened at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 09- 105

MOTION by Rosenkrantz, seconded by Page, to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION by Acree, seconded by Proujansky, to approve the Minutes of July 28, 2009. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

"I, Treasurer Nathan Fawcett, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed all vouchers presented for payment, and that all disbursements are within the approved operating budget of the library, and therefore recommend that the Board of Trustees approve for payment June and July 2009 bills in the amount of \$106,550.83 as outlined in Abstracts 23, 24 and 25". Approved unanimously.

2009 Budget Amendments DOC 09- 09-107

Fawcett explained various aspects of the Budget Amendments and answered questions from the Board members. Approved unanimously.

Policy on the use of Patron e-mail DOC 09-108

After discussion by the Board members, it was decided that the committee would make further revisions of the proposed policy.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Suzanne Smith Jablonski reported that the Annual Appeal Kickoff will be on September 13th from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Amy Dickinson. Carl Haynes, President of Tompkins Cortland Community College, is the chairman of the 2009 Annual Appeal.

There will be a reception and tour at the Johnson Art Museum on October 9th. Smith Jablonski reminded Board members that there is joint meeting with the Foundation Board of Directors scheduled for September 14th from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steiner announced that the library had received their amended Charter from the State of New York and passed it around for Board members to see. On August 26th faculty from the New Roots Charter School will be touring the library. Steiner will make it clear to them that the library is a public library, as opposed to

a school library, but that the New Roots School will be offered the same services that are offered to all other schools.

The board was told that the Ithaca Journal will no longer publish the "Ask the Librarian" column, but that the column will be posted on the Journal's website. Wireless printing will be available to patrons very soon. There are no updates on the Time Warner Cable connection. Steiner informed the trustees that the public copiers, and one staff copier, have been replaced.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dullea reported that he, Steiner and Fawcett met with County Administrator Joe Mareane and his assistant Norma Jayne concerning the library's 2010 Over Target Requests (OTRs). He said that a lot of positive and candid discussion took place and that he feels that the County Administrator understands the library's fiscal position. Steiner added that a total of \$2.3 million in OTRs from various county departments and agencies was submitted, but far less than that will be recommended for funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology - Did not meet.

Library Services & Policies - Minutes of August 5, 2009 minutes were submitted in Board Packet. Acree noted that the committee made minor changes to language in the Press and Media Policy with regard to taking photos of patrons.

Finance & Personnel - Minutes of August 12, 2009 minutes were submitted in Board Packet. Fawcett stated that Steiner did a nice job in presenting the library's 2010 request to the Friends of the Library. The Friends are being asked to fund a portion of Sundays for 2010.

Public Information & Advocacy - Minutes of July 28, 2009 were submitted in Board Packet. Rosenkrantz reported that the committee is continuing to work on the e-

newsletter and the new website. There will be a public forum on the county's budget here, at the library on September 21, 2009 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Library Art Acquisitions - Minutes of July 27, 2009 were submitted in Board Packet.

Nominating - Did not meet

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends - Fawcett reminded the trustees that the Fall 2009 book sale will begin on October 10th. Board members were encouraged to volunteer over the next 2 weeks, to help with sorting the books from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays, or Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:24 p.m. **MOTION** was made by Rosenkrantz, seconded by Fawcett, for the board to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and collective bargaining issues. Approved unanimously. At 6:15 p.m. **MOTION** by Colbert, seconded by Acree to move out of Executive Session. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Recorded by Jean Stewart
Library Secretary

Endorsed by Thomas Colbert
Secretary of the Board