

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 24, 2009

TCPL Board members present: Henrik Dullea, President; Eric Acree, Susan Currie, Nathan Fawcett, Rochelle Proujansky, Marcy Rosenkrantz, Nancy Schuler

Board members absent: Thomas Colbert, Richard Driscoll, Michael Hall, Barbara Page, Christine Sanchirico, Michael Stamm, John Vineyard, David Weil

Also present: Janet Steiner, Director; Rosemarie Rice, Assistant Director; Jean Stewart, Library Secretary; Elissa Cogan, President, TCPL Foundation

Meeting convened at 4:15 p.m.

In the absence of a quorum, no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FOUNDATION REPORT

Elissa Cogan, speaking in the absence of Suzanne Smith Jablonski, asked that board members consider being table hosts for the Annual Luncheon that will be held on May 7 at the Country Club; and to think about what other members of the community to invite.

Rosenkrantz reminded board members that the Library Lovers 2009 All-Ithaca Book Fair is February 26 - March 1. A list of events can be found in the Ithaca Journal.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steiner discussed the recent advertising that has appeared in local publications concerning the library. Radio ads will also be broadcast soon. Final 2008 year end statistics will be available soon.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dullea encouraged board members to participate in the Book Fair events. He also informed the board that Time Warner Cable has drafted a contract for a TWC Road Runner Internet connection at the library and forward it to the City of Ithaca, since the connection will run through city conduit.

Dullea received a letter from Karen Creenan, Executive Director of Finger Lakes Library System, in which she expressed an interest in extending their ten year lease, which expires in December 2010, for another ten years. He will convene a small group of trustees to work on this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology -Met February 10, 2009. Minutes were submitted in Board Packet.

Library Services & Policies - Met February 4, 2009. Minutes were submitted in Board Packet.

Finance & Personnel - Met February 11, 2009. Minutes were submitted in Board Packet. Dullea commended Janet on the performance letters she has been writing to staff members. He said the letters were well done and very important for staff morale.

Public Information & Advocacy - Rosenkrantz reminded board members to initiate contact with their legislators for informal meetings. Meetings have already taken place with Frank Proto and Jim Dennis. More are scheduled.

Library Art Acquisitions - Met January 29, 2009. Minutes were submitted in Board Packet.

Nominating - Did not meet.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends. Fawcett reported that there has been a lot of advertising for the Book Fair.

Recorded by Jean Stewart
Library Secretary

Endorsed by Thomas Colbert
Secretary of the Board

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 24, 2009

PRESENT: Henrik N. Dullea, President; Marcy Rosenkrantz, Vice-President; Nathan Fawcett, Treasurer

ALSO PRESENT: Janet Steiner, Library Director

Meeting convened at 6:04 p.m.

In the absence of a quorum for the regularly scheduled February 26, 2009 board of trustees meeting, President Dullea convened the Executive Committee in order to accomplish the following:

APPR OVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2009, DOC 09-13.

MOTION by Rosenkrantz, seconded by Fawcett, approved unanimously

APPROVAL OF BILLS .

MOTION by Fawcett, “ On behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee and in keeping with New York State Education Law, I certify that I have reviewed all vouchers presented for payment, and that all disbursements are within the approved operating budget of the library. I therefore recommend that the Board of Trustees approve for payment 2009 bills in the amount of \$263,764.82 as outlined in abstracts 4, 5, and 6.” Approved unanimously.

DISASTER PLAN DOC 09-15.

MOTION by Rosenkrantz, seconded by Fawcett to approve the Disaster Plan as developed by Assistant Director Rosemarie Rice. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Recorded by Janet Steiner
Library Director

Endorsed by Thomas Colbert
Secretary of the Board