

Tompkins County Public Library
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
October 26, 2010

TCPL Board members present: Henrik Dullea, President, Nathan Fawcett, Gwen Glazer, Michael Hall, Peter McCracken, Cynthia Nicholson, Nancy Schuler, Michael Stamm, John Vineyard, Martha Walker, Eric Acree

Board members absent: Marcy Rosenkrantz, Christine Sanchirico

Also present: Susan Currie, TCPL Director; Rosie Rice, Assistant Director

Meeting convened at 4:05 pm

A quorum was present. Dullea explained that we would expedite the meeting to allow Director Currie to attend the County Legislature budget meeting at 5:00. October 26th is the anniversary of Susan's first year as Director. Dullea thanked Currie for great service and excellence in her first year. She has been a great presence on behalf of the library with many different constituents here and at the state level. Currie thanked the Board and the Library staff for their support and for all their help.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA DOC-90

Motion for approval was made by Nathan Fawcett and seconded by Michael Hall to approve the amended agenda. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Draft Minutes – September 27, 2010 DOC 10-91

Motion was made by Aloja Airewele and seconded by Nancy Schuler to approve the amended draft minutes. Carried unanimously.

Community Relations and Outreach Committee Title Change and By-law Changes DOC 10-92

The public information Committee chair, Marcy Rosenkrantz is unable to be here. However this document was presented at the last meeting by Rosenkrantz and there are no changes or amendments to the document recommending the name change to Community Relations and Outreach Committee and to the new chair. Two thirds vote of the full Board is required to make a change to the bylaws. Two thirds of the board members were present and voted. Carried unanimously.

General Social Networking Policy DOC 10-92

Hold for chair, Eric Acree, who arrived later.

Policy for Management and Confidential Staff DOC 10-94

Nathan Fawcett explained that this document closes an important gap in library policies as there are no written guidelines for those staff members who are not part of a collective bargaining agreement. This is an orderly addition to library policies. The language is designed to create a uniform set of self-standing personnel policies, including a definition of benefits, for Management and Confidential employees, who are also covered by and subject to the provisions of the NYS Civil Service Law. Carried unanimously.

Audit of the Bills

Treasurer John Vineyard, "I, John H. Vineyard, 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 payment of October 2010 bills in the amount of \$93,964.10 as outlined in Abstracts 29, 30 and 31. Approved unanimously.

FOUNDATION REPORT

The tenth anniversary events will be held the weekend of November 5-7, 2010.

Events included a Gallery Night opening of the "Your Library: Past, Present, Future" exhibit curated by Foundation volunteer Julee Johnson and "Some Things Considered" exhibit curated by Bill Benson.

On Saturday there will be a special Family Storytime with celebrations as the theme, at noon, anniversary cake for the public in the Avenue of the Friends at 2:00 pm, a program, "Ten Essential Steps to Preserving Family Documents and Photographs" by Michele Hamill from Cornell University Library. On Sunday, there will be a special program: "FAUVEL: A Medieval Donkey Tale", a story to music by early music duo *Elizabethan Conversation*.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by a county legislator to reduce our over-target request. The question as to whether the building maintenance can be included in the maintenance of effort. Susan contacted the NY State Division of Libraries this afternoon and was told that the building maintenance could not be included. Susan will go to the budget meeting at 5:00 to answer questions on this issue.

The TCPL Foundation video, "Tompkins County Public Library: Your Source for Information and Inspiration" created by Photosynthesis Productions won the 2010 "Library Video of the Year" award from South Central Regional Library Council. Susan is the presenter for the SCRLC 2010 annual meeting and will accept the award for the Foundation.

Susan reported on the visioning discussions with the joint boards and staff committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dullea reported on the Library Advisory Council meeting. Susan introduced a presentation by Lawrence Carey on the local history digitalization project and the enormous treasure trove in the city directories available to our patrons online. Carey and Amy Humber worked together to reach out to the owner of the copyright and secured authorization for the city directories. There are now 55,000 pages of information

digitized. This was done using a Kirtas machine, which turns the pages automatically for rapid digitization. This project was a grant funded project. Rosie Rice spoke about the development of eReaders and making alternative devices available.

Cynthia Nicholson will be in Seattle for close to five months and has requested a leave of absence. She will be working with a sister company to create an operational work. Authorization for a leave passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology – P. McCracken reported that the committee met just prior to the board meeting. They are rewriting the charge and identifying issues to address in the coming year.

Library Services and Policy—The Social Networking policy is on the agenda. It was moved by Nathan Fawcett and Gwen Glazer to proceed. Carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee—Michael Stamm reported that he had met with Susan to finalize a long list of potential candidates to fill soon to be vacant positions of trustees and officers. Suggestions for trustees should go to Michael as soon as possible.

Finance and Personnel Committee – no meeting

Library Art Acquisitions Committee – no meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends—Fawcett reported that the annual meeting is November 14, 2010 at 2:00 in the BorgWarner Room. Legislature – County Legislature was meeting at this time. Mike Lane was absent and no report was available.

Motion to adjourn was made by Nathan Fawcett, seconded by Martha Walker at 4:48 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Recorded by Rosemarie Rice
Assistant Director

Endorsed by Michael Stamm
Secretary of the Board