

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 27, 2010

TCPL Board members present: Henrik Dullea, President; Eric Acree, Nathan Fawcett, Peter McCracken, Cynthia Nicholson, Marcy Rosenkrantz, Christine Sanchirico, John Vineyard, Martha Walker

Board members absent: Alojz Airewele, Diane Goodman-Daniel, Gwen Glazer, Michael Hall, Nancy Schuler, Michael Stamm

Also present: Susan Currie, TCPL Director; Rosemarie Rice, Assistant Director; Jean Stewart, Library Secretary; Michael Lane, TC Legislator; Sarah Glogowski, Reference Librarian

Meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 10-61

MOTION was made by Marcy Rosenkrantz, seconded by Martha Walker, to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF PRESENTATION

Sarah Glogowski is a TCPL librarian who works in Adult Services. She gave the board an overview of the Community Read program and talked about some of the programs and workshops that are scheduled here at the library. Sarah said that some of the local schools had already received copies of the book and are requesting more. This year's book seems to have appeal to audiences that would not normally participate in the Community Read. The kickoff will be in August, with Gary Stewart as guest speaker.

Sarah gave a presentation to the board about the Martin Luther King Community Build. The MLK Community Build was started two years ago by a group of

community members. TCPL has been represented by Sarah for the MLK Community Build and also by Sally Grubb for the MLK Freedom walk. The goal is to have members of the community who do not participate in the Community Read sponsored by the colleges, read a common book that is geared more towards community issues.

This year, the book will be "Where do we go from here? Chaos or Community" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Trustee Eric Acree also provided information about the book, which is currently out of print. A special edition is to be published for the MLK Community Build. The book covers a range of topics dealing with racism and other current issues important to the community.

Sarah is coordinating the distribution of the book, which will include a discussion group guide. The book will also be distributed to all of the libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System. Area churches are being encouraged to start discussion groups. Starting in October, the public will be able to pick up a copy at several locations in the area, including GIAC, Village at Ithaca, Southside Community Center, GIAC and Family Reading Partnership. Copies will also be available here at TCPL. The kickoff will be on Monday, October 18th in the GIAC gym. Prominent community members will be invited.

Acree mentioned that the committee has audio rights for the book. He also asked if trustees know any groups that would be interested, to let Sarah know.

President Dullea thanked Glowgowski for the presentation.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES DOC 10-62

A correction was made to the name listed in the minutes as the New World Books. With the correction, **MOTION** was made by Vineyard, seconded by Fawcett, to approve the minutes of July 27, 2010. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

"I, Treasurer 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 July 2010 bills as outlined in Abstracts 19, 20, and 21, in the amount of \$138,894.05.

Approved unanimously.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Suzanne Smith Jablonski was absent from the meeting. In her absence, Susan Currie reported that the Foundation has just released the 2010 TCPL Report to the Community. Copies were distributed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The 2010-2011 budget over-target request is due to the County Administrator on August 1st. TCPL will request an amount that will result in Maintenance of Effort. Susan explained what Maintenance of Effort meant and how it would translate into actual dollars. Susan expressed appreciation to the Finance & Personnel Committee for their help in refining the presentation. There was discussion about municipal funding versus contractual funding through the Town of Ithaca and the City of Ithaca.

President Dullea stated that he and Marcy Rosenkrantz attended the budget presentation to the legislators. He said Susan did a superb job giving the presentation and the legislators asked good questions. He acknowledged the difficult position of the county legislators. Rosenkrantz said the presentation was well received. Michael Lane said that the presentation was crisp and well received and the county would do what they could.

Rosemarie Rice reported to the trustees that the library has had more incidents of short tempered patrons, probably due to the heatwave, resulting in restricting

two patrons' use of the library. Susan Currie reported that the library has begun compiling statistics for in-house use of materials and laptop usage in the library.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dullea announced that trustee Diane Goodman-Daniel has tendered her resignation from the board due to relocation. The Nominating Committee will work on filling that position. He is seeking a volunteer to chair the Technology Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology - No meeting.

Library Services & Policy - Met July 7, 2010.

Finance & Personnel - Met July 7, 2010.

Public Information Committee - Met July 13, 2010. Rosenkrantz reported that the committee has been discussing a possible name change for the committee because the scope of responsibilities has changed. This will be discussed at the next board meeting. The dates of the remaining meetings have been changed.

Library Art Acquisitions Committee - No meeting.

Nominating Committee - No meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends - Fawcett reported that books keep coming in for the fall booksale. Surplus books are given to Better World Books for international distribution. The Friends are investigating other avenues for marketing surplus Collectors Corner books on-line.

Legislature - Mike Lane gave thanks to Susan Currie and Rosemarie Rice for attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the Southworth Library Lincoln Center held on July 10th.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Fawcett, seconded by Acree at 5:22 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Recorded by Jean Stewart
Library Secretary

Endorsed by Michael Stamm
Secretary of the Board