

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 24, 2010

TCPL Board members present: Henrik Dullea, President; Aloja Airewele, Nathan Fawcett, Gwen Glazer, Peter McCracken, Marcy Rosenkrantz, Christine Sanchirico, Michael Stamm, John Vineyard, Martha Walker

Board members absent: Eric Acree, Michael Hall, Cynthia Nicholson, Nancy Schuler

Also present: Susan Currie, TCPL Director; Rosemarie Rice, Assistant Director; Jean Stewart, Library Secretary; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Executive Director TCPL Foundation; Michael Lane, TC Legislator

Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 10-79

MOTION was made to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 24 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 10-70

A correction was made to the dates of the Library Services & Policy Committee meeting (July 7), the Finance & Personnel Committee meeting (July 7) and the Technology Committee meeting (no meeting). With these corrections, **MOTION** was made by Vineyard, seconded by Stamm, 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 August 2010 bills as outlined in Abstracts 22, 23, and 24, in the amount of \$134,644.05. Approved unanimously.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Proposed Amendment to by-laws - Marcy Rosenkrantz explained that amendments to the by-laws require that the changes be presented to the Board and then voted on at the next meeting. President Dullea reminded the trustees that this will be an action item at the September meeting and will require a 2/3 vote to change the by-laws. The request for a name change was discussed at the last meeting. Susan will send the proposed name change, description and the charge to the Board.

The Future of TCPL - Susan reviewed the impact and program visioning lists that were presented to TCPL staff. There was a lot of discussion and suggestions from the trustees about the lists. Based on the discussion, Susan will revise the lists and send them to the trustees.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Nathan Fawcett announced that the Annual Appeal Kickoff will be on Sunday September 19th from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. here, at the library. There will be a presentation by Brian Wansink, from Cornell University, author of "Mindless Eating". He asked the trustees to please spread the word and invite people to the event.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Currie reminded the trustees that there will be a panel discussion here at the library on "What Makes us Human?" on Thursday, August 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All three self-check machines are down. 3M doesn't have a local service person, so it's not known when they will be fixed. Forty-four percent of items checked out are using the self-check machines, which is up from last year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dullea announced that trustee Peter McCracken will be the chair of the Technology Committee, and Aloja Airewele will serve on the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Karen Creenan, retired Executive Director of Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS), has distributed a Memorandum to all member libraries that FLLS is looking for more trustees. The term would be from January 2011 to December 2015. Trustees can serve for 2 contiguous terms.

Also at FLLS, Carol Hendrix is retiring. There will be a party on September 21 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the BorgWarner room. RSVP to Marisa Iacobucci. Donations are welcome.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology - No meeting. Peter McCracken will contact committee members to set a schedule for meetings.

Library Services & Policy - Met July 7, 2010. The Social Networking Policy will be an item on the September Agenda.

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 for the year will be changed.

Library Art Acquisitions Committee - No meeting.

Nominating Committee - Michael Stamm met with Susan Currie concerning the need for new trustee nominations.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends - Fawcett reported that the Fall 2010 Book sale will be held October 9-11, 16-18, and 23-26. There are plenty of opportunities for board members to volunteer. Rosenkrantz will coordinate volunteers from the board.

Legislature - Mike Lane met with County Administrator Joe Mareane. The discussion focused on the revenue and expenses from County departments. County department over-target requests will be discussed soon. President Dullea thanked Mike Lane for working with the library.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Fawcett, seconded by Vineyard at 5:40 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Recorded by Jean Stewart
Library Secretary

Endorsed by Michael Stamm
Secretary of the Board