

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 24, 2011

TCPL Board members present: Michael Stamm (President), Marcy Rosenkrantz, Aloja Airewele, Eric Acree, Gwen Glazer, Christine Sanchirico, Peter McCracken, Bruce Ryan, John Vineyard, Martha Walker, Cynthia Nicholson, Lara Litchfield-Kimber

Board members absent: Michael Hall, Nancy Schuler

Also present: Susan Currie, TCPL Director; Rosemarie Rice, Assistant Director; Suzanne Smith-Jablonski, TCPL Foundation Executive Director; Mary E. McKeon, Senior Typist; Howard Hartnett; VP, TCPL Foundation

Meeting convened at 4:06p.m. A quorum was present. Michael Stamm introduced Howard P. Hartnett as the Vice President of the TCPL Foundation, who is dedicated to its mission as well as his personal passion for the library.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 11-31

MOTION was made to approve the agenda. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION BY Howard P. Hartnett

Howard P. Hartnett, VP, TCPL Foundation Board of Directors, gave a presentation on the last library campaign (2000) to raise funds for a new library. He began with a brief history of the library's need for a new building as well as the resources and staff to accommodate the size of the new building and the increase of new users. Hartnett then went on to explain the feasibility study for a possible campaign in conjunction with the Library's sesquicentennial anniversary in 2014. He discussed the elements necessary for a successful campaign. He reminded the

group that a discussion with the county will be very important; donors want to know that the county will not cut the budget.

Stamm asked Hartnett to address the relationship of the feasibility study and if the goal is likely to be reached. Hartnett explained how the study has confidential donor questions and a case for support which is tested and answers whether or not the goal is attainable.

The public is very important to the success of the campaign. The timing of the campaign is imperative as well as keeping the community up to date for example if the goal is increased, and or when the announcement of gifts will be.

Among all the parameters needed for success, effective staff and volunteer leadership is important to achieve the goal.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF April 26, 2011 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 11-32

MOTION was made to approve the minutes. Carried 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 May 2011 bills as outlined in Abstracts 14, 15, and 16, in the amount of \$132,369.59.
Approved unanimously.

Proposal to change hold fees and instead to charge for requested items not picked up. Approved unanimously.

Proposal to increase library card replacement fee. Approved unanimously.

Approval of 2012 New York State Central Book Aide/Central Library Development.
Approved unanimously.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Suzanne Smith-Jablonski added that we are not in the silent phase, and are considering moving forward with the campaign in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of TCPL. We are in the preliminary stages of the campaign which gives us the opportunity to share the decision making and the timeline. The results of the study will be presented and distributed at the Joint Meeting of the Foundation and TCPL Board of Trustees.

Smith-Jablonski spoke about Inside Story Lunch. She thanked all of the trustees who volunteered.

The Library Leaders Circle Reception will be held on June 16th. She invited the Library Trustees and the Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library Board or Directors as well and expressed appreciation to Foundation Director Mary Grainger and her husband for hosting the evening.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Susan Currie announced that the originally planned Joint meeting with the Foundation on May 31, would now be on June 28, following the June Board of Trustees Meeting.

Currie provided an update on security in the library. The library is taking a firmer stand on banning problem patrons. She explained the procedure for banned patrons returning to use the library. Security policies and the rules of behavior are being updated. A brief discussion ensued.

Tonya Curran, Volunteer Coordinator will be out this summer and is working with Mary E. McKeon on taking on some of the responsibilities while she is out.

Rosie Rice mentioned that the library would be marching in the parade at the Ithaca Festival. This year's theme is "A Midsummer's Night Dream". Expect floating fairies, staff, volunteers, Trustees and Foundation participants with colorful hats and signs with quotes from Shakespeare's play and one reading "To

Read or Not to Read, There is No Question!" will be representing TCPL in the parade.

The Tompkins County Public Library, in partnership with the Cornell University New Student Reading Project, has announced E.L. Doctorow's "Homer and Langley" as the 2011 Community Read. The book is based on the now-folkloric lives of the Collyer brothers, whose bodies were found in 1947 amidst 100-ton of refuse.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Technology - Minutes of April 26, 2011
2. Finance & Personnel - Minutes of April 20, 2011
3. Community Relations & Outreach - Did not meet
4. Library Art Acquisitions Committee - Did not meet
5. Nominating Committee Minutes of May 13, 2011

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends - Marcy Rosenkrantz thanked the Board of Trustees for their participation in the Friends Book Sale. Rosenkrantz also reminded everyone that today is the last day of the sale and spoke a little about the "bag sale" as well as the day for non-profit organizations.

Legislature - Mike Lane was absent

MOTION to adjourn was made by seconded by at 5:27 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Recorded by Mary E. McKeon
Senior Typist

Endorsed by Eric Acree
Secretary of the Board