

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 25, 2023

TCPL Board Members Present: Martha Hardesty, President; Blixly Taetzsch, Don Trotter, Shelley Wong, Jason Moore, Liam Murphy, Nina Scholtz, Marli Stahler, Lis Chabot, Melisa Sidle

Board members excused: None

Also Present: Leslie Tabor, Director; Mary McKeon, Administrative Manager; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager; Kerry Barnes; TCPL Foundation Executive Director

Director Tabor and board members visited Youth Services highlighting the weeded collection, more playing space since furniture removal and discussed the incoming librarian 1.

With a quorum, meeting convened at 4:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 23-25

A **MOTION** was made by S. Wong and seconded by Nina Scholtz approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeanette Zoekler

APPROVAL OF MACRCH 28, 2023 MINUTES DOC 23-26

A **MOTION** was made by B. Taetzsch and seconded by M. Sidle to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

I, Treasurer, Blixly Taetzsch, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payroll #7 dated 4/6/23 and #8 dated 4/20/23 totaling \$120,848.89. 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 for payment April 2023 bills in the amount of \$191,689.54 as listed in Abstracts #10, #11 and #12.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tabor kicked off TCPL's Annual Readathon and thanked trustees for their support and fundraising efforts. This week is National Library Week, in appreciation the foundation arranged local vendors for staff discounts and treated staff to a cup of coffee at Press Bay Alley. Staff update; two librarian 1s start in June and we posted the permanent Circulation Manager position.

LIAISON REPORTS

County – A. Champion gave a brief overview of the budget process including the budget retreat and challenges this year. The county has purchased several buildings and are in the process of planning on bringing departments together.

Foundation – The Foundation concluded its 11th Readathon fundraiser on April 15th. It raised more money than the past two years, with greater participation as well. 37% of participants were new in 2023, an increase from 33% last year. The total average raised per fundraiser was \$623.84, just a little down from 2022's average raised per fundraiser.

One interesting finding was that more people chose to participate by pre-recorded video than in-person. This was particularly prevalent for teams (McGraw House, Friends of TCPL, IC Library.) Video readers raised 18% more than in-person readers did, probably likely due to team capacity. This will be taken into account as we plan Readathon 2024. Huge thanks go to Marli Stahler for being a fantastic reader-fundraiser, Lis Chabot for serving as a volunteer reader-timer, Amanda Champion for organizing the gift in memory of Henry Granison that made GIAC's participation possible, and all trustees who donated to support the TCPL staff team.

Friends – D. Trotter reported 239,560 items to sell with 13,347 volunteer hours to prepare for the sale. Booksale is open to the public May 6th and will continue for three weeks. Senior day is May 17th and students in the evening. Donations resume June 10th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A **MOTION** was made by D. Trotter and seconded by S. Wong to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:37 p.m. the director was invited to join and remained until 5:42 p.m. There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by S. Wong and seconded by L. Chabot to adjourn to public session at 5:42 p.m. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION

There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by M. Sidle and seconded by D. Trotter to adjourn Public Session at 5:44 p.m.

Recorded by Mary McKeon
Administrative Manager

Endorsed by Melisa Sidle
Secretary