

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 23, 2019

TCPL Board Members Present: Ken McClane, President; Luca Maurer, Don Trotter, Blix
Taetzsch, Anthony Martinez, Liam Murphy, Kristine Altucher, Nina Scholtz, Thompson Terry,
Shelley Wong, Jamie Loehr, Ingrid Jensen, Jason Moore, Nina Miller

Board Members Excused: Martha Hardesty

Also Present: Annette Birdsall, Library Director; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager;
Amanda Champion, County Legislator

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 19-26

A **MOTION** was made by J. Moore and seconded by T. Terry to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2019 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 19-27

A **MOTION** was made by S. Wong and seconded by N. Scholtz to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Thompson Terry, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #7 dated 3/28/19 and #8 dated 4/11/19 totaling \$112,003.02. 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 2019 bills in the amount of \$214,106.43 as listed in Abstracts #10, #11 and #12.

APPROVAL OF EQUITY STATEMENT DOC 19-28

A **MOTION** was made by J. Loehr and seconded by L. Murphy to approve the Equity Statement with changes. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MISSION/VISION STATEMENT DOC 19-29

A **MOTION** was made by L. Murphy and seconded by J. Loehr to approve the Mission/Vision Statement. Accepted unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Birdsall highlighted the Word Collector Extravaganza event this weekend in partnership with the Children's Reading Connection, and copies of the Word Collector were distributed to Trustees. She informed the Board of the work being done to implement the outreach and access priorities within our current budget. Business Manager Benjamin and Director Birdsall have begun work on the 2020 budget. The County's 2020 budget constraints will be shared at a public forum on May 8 at 9 am in the Borg Warner Community room, and Birdsall encouraged anyone interested to attend. Fabina Colon, Director of the Multicultural Resource Center will be invited to attend a Board meeting to discuss the possibility of the Library engaging with them for an equity assessment.

Report from the Foundation as shared by Annette:

Birdsall gave an update on the Readathon. Fundraising is at 50% of target which is typical for this time. The schedule was distributed, and sponsorships were applauded. Publicity in the Ithaca Voice Article and WHCU interview was noted along with 8am start and 11:30 finish times.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends – D. Trotter reported 3,000 items selected by libraries on Library Day. Pre-sale began with a total of 272,000 items. Trotter requested trustees to volunteer at the sale.

County – A. Champion reported on the budget, tax cap and NYS ban on single use plastic bags. Champion encouraged the library to discontinue single use plastics.

MOTION to adjourn by L. Maurer and seconded by J. Loehr at 5:05 PM. Approved unanimously.

Recorded by Michelle Benjamin
Business Manager

Endorsed by Luca Maurer
Secretary