

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECEMBER 18, 2018

TCPL Board Members Present: Bruce Ryan, President; Kenneth McClane, Ingrid Jensen, Don Trotter, Jason Moore, Kristine Altucher, Nina Miller, Nina Scholtz, Thompson Terry, Shelley Wong, Martha Hardesty, Jamie Loehr

Board Members Excused: Luca Maurer

Also Present: Annette Birdsall, Library Director; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager; Mary McKeon, Admin. Asst.; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Foundation Executive Director; Amanda Champion, County Legislator

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:01 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 18-113

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 27, 2018 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 18-114

A **MOTION** was made by K. McClane and seconded by I. Jensen to approve the minutes with a minor correction. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Thompson Terry, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #25 dated 12/6/18 and #26 dated 12/20/18 totaling \$108,499.34. 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 December 2018 bills in the amount of \$241,694.09 as listed in Abstracts #36, #37 and #38.

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDED 2019 BUDGET DOC 18-115

Approved unanimously.

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT ON A REFERENDUM

Acknowledged and accepted unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT

K. McClane took a moment to recognize Bruce Ryan's significant contributions during his nearly eight years on the Board. Currently serving as President, he led the search for the new Director. He also co-chaired the Blue Ribbon panel and also served as President during the 21st Century Library Capital Campaign.

On December 14, 2018, the library closed at 3 pm. for a precautionary bomb search of the building. While the email was not deemed a credible threat by law enforcement; they decided a search with a bomb sniffing dog was prudent.

Prior to the budget vote, Director Birdsall gave a presentation on the recommended 2019 budget: from traditional to transformative.

Everyone is invited to the holiday party at Hotel Ithaca on December 19 from 8-10 a.m.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

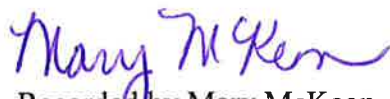
S. Smith Jablonski and incoming Foundation board president, Tanya Morrisett, reported that there would be a new mix of events in 2019, with the Inside Story event being discontinued. Smith Jablonski conveyed that the Foundation board would be voting on its budget, to include the 2019 allocation to TCPL, at the January 7, 2019 board meeting.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends – D. Trotter said the friends continue to accept donations for the spring sale.

County – A. Champion announced the County's interest in the Fall Creek Site. Champion also reported in two weeks the Tompkins County Legislature will elect a new chair and vice chair.

MOTION to adjourn by T. Terry and seconded by K. McClane at 4:57 PM. Approved unanimously.



Recorded by Mary McKeon
Assistant Admin.



Endorsed by Luca Maurer
Secretary