

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

TCPL Board Members Present: Martha Hardesty, President; Blixly Taetzsch, Don Trotter, Shelley Wong, Jason Moore, Liam Murphy

Board members excused: Nina Scholtz, Marli Stahler

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

With a quorum, meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 23-10

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

RATIFY JANUARY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2023 MINUTES DOC 23-11

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED FEBRUARY 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS DOC 23-12

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF HRA RESERVE DOC 23-13

Approved unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE NYS ANNUAL REPORT DOC 23-14

Accepted unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

M. Hardesty made a recommendation for the 2023 slate of officers on behalf of the Nominating Committee. As President – Martha Hardesty; Vice President – Don Trotter; Treasurer – Blixly Taetzsch; Secretary – Melisa Sidle. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

I, Treasurer, Blixly Taetzsch, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payroll #3 dated 2/9/23 and #4 dated 2/23/23 totaling \$124,223.09. 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 February 2023 bills in the amount of \$156,944.44 as listed in Abstracts #4, #5 and #6.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tabor expressed a heartfelt thank you to Ingrid Jensen, she will be missed. A book has been added to the collection in her honor. February is library lover's month, and 600 hearts from patrons hung around the library. Tabor thanked all three boards; TCPL Board of trustees, TCPL Foundation Friends of the library. Tabor gave updates on major projects, RFID and planning Pride programming.

### LIAISON REPORTS

Foundation – Foundation's audit is complete and the board will vote to accept at our next meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>. They held a program on Sat. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> launching Pulitzer-prize winning author Alison Lurie's posthumous young adult novel, *The Cat Agent*. This was organized by her late husband, Edward Hower, who made copies of the book available to guests with a donation to the Foundation. Over 40 people were in attendance and \$1,300 was raised. The Rosen Fund grant for Summer Reading Program funds has been submitted.

Barnes was proud to accompany Leslie Tabor to a "Meet the Director Q&A" at Kendal on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Leslie was well-received by the crowd, who asked good but tough questions. I received a letter afterward from a major donor who attended who was full of praise for Leslie and her enthusiasm for TCPL.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Readathon is approaching on April 15th. This year, like last, will be a hybrid event with both in-person and pre-recorded video readers. They are thrilled to have a team of young people from GIAC who are sponsored by Friends of Henry Granison this year (thank you Amanda and fellow legislators.) The Foundation board is donating to sponsor a TCPL staff team this year. Trustees are invited to join our board in contributing to covering the fundraising obligation for our library team.

Friends – There is a lull in donations at the moment but it is allowing us to shelve all the books.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A **MOTION** was made by S. Wong and seconded by J. Moore to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:31 p.m. the director was invited to join and reminded until 4:41 p.m. There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by J. Moore and seconded by S. Wong to adjourn to public session at 4:58 p.m. Approved unanimously.

A **MOTION** was made by L. Murphy and seconded by D. Trotter to adjourn at 4:59 pm. Approved unanimously.

Recorded by Mary McKeon  
Administrative Manager

Endorsed by Melisa Sidle  
Secretary