

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

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

Also Present: Leslie Tabor, Director; Mary McKeon, Administrative Manager; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager; Kerry Barnes; TCPL Foundation Director; Amanda Champion, County Legislator

With a quorum, meeting convened at 3:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 23-51

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

APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2023 MINUTES DOC 23-52

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

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

I, Treasurer, Blixty Taetzsch, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payroll #14 dated 7/13/23 and #15 dated 7/27/23 totaling \$123,325.14. 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 July 2023 bills in the amount of \$171,693.21 as listed in Abstracts #20, #21 and #22.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Tabor reported a calm and peaceful pride month. Summer Reading Program is well under way, number of participants has quadrupled this year. We gave one hundred fifty books to patrons celebrating SRP. Ithaca Farmers Market invited TCPL storytime on Tuesdays now that they have two locations. There is still weeding in progress, shelves are more open and browsable. There are plenty of opportunities for internal promotions in YS, AS and Tech Services.

LIAISON REPORTS

County – A. Champion continues to ask to sit in on the Executive Session, Champion will meet with Executive Committee to discuss further. Champion explained the county clerks maintain the advisory boards bylaws, trustee terms, etc. A brief discussion ensued. County Administrator is meeting with agencies and departments and making recommendations for the legislators regarding the County 2024 budget.

Foundation – The Foundation’s Summer Appeal has gone out and is doing well very quickly. The Foundation is pleased at the number of new recurring gifts it has brought.

Director Kerry Barnes has been asked to participate in a panel for United Virtual, the Friends and Foundation component of ALA. The panel discussion is on the topic of Fundraising Philanthropy: Creating a Culture of Giving, and will include the directors of the Seattle Public Library Foundation, the Vice Chair of ALA’s Philanthropic Advisory Group, and the Chair of the Sonoma County Library Commission.

Friends – Friends are taking donations currently.

A **MOTION** was made by L. Murphy and seconded by J. Moore to adjourn the meeting at 3:58PM. Approved unanimously.

Recorded by Mary McKeon
Administrative Manager

Endorsed by Melisa Sidle
Secretary