

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JUNE 25, 2019

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

Board Members Excused: Martha Hardesty, Nina Miller

Also Present: Annette Birdsall, Library Director; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Executive Director of TCPL Foundation

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 19-46

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

APPROVAL OF MAY 28, 2019 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 19-47

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

ACCEPTANCE OF TRUSTEE RESIGNATION DOC

Accepted unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY BULETIN BOARD POLICY DOC 19-48

Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF RECONSIDERATON OF LIBRARY MATERIALS POLICY
DOC 19-49

Approved unanimously.

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY DOC 19-50

A **MOTION** was made by J. Loehr and seconded by L. Maurer to table the Collection Development Policy for committee review.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Thompson Terry, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #12 dated 6/6/19 and #13 dated 6/20/19 totaling \$110,417.87. 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 June 2019 bills in the amount of \$232,964.43 as listed in Abstracts #17, #18 and #19.

DIRECTORS REPORT

At a meeting with the Director of Federal Relations at Cornell, Diane Miller, Director Birdsall posed a question of whether the tariffs on books from China were also going to have a serious impact on Cornell's Libraries in hopes of advocating for changes together. The anticipated effect on Board Books and Picture Books is a 25% increase as those formats are mainly published in China. She spent a few moments discussing the gratitude of the participants, legislators, and community as follow-up to the excellence of the Library Showcase and Time Capsule opening. In addition to the amazing work of Library staff, these events signified the ongoing value of the partnership with the County, the Library and the History Center. She shared that plans are underway to share these accomplishments with more stakeholders, and suggested connecting with the audience interested in Ithaca history. Upcoming deadlines include providing certification for Sexual Harassment Training which the Library is offering to staff on August 7 at 9 and 3, and September 13, training certifications are due to the County. She highlighted partnerships with the Hangar Theater for circulating passes to performances and Food Net Meals on Wheels for our Books by mail service. She reported that Aloja Airewele will be providing Boundary Training to help staff set limits, recognize the boundaries of excellent customer service, and the need for self-care in working with the public.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

S. Smith Jablonski reported that the President of the Foundation Board of Directors stepped down due to relocation, and remarked on the particular recent challenges in board recruitment and retention. She asked trustees to save-the-date of Friday, October 11 for the inaugural Library Literati event. Smith Jablonski invited trustees to consider serving as part of the "Community Read Crew" of ambassadors for the project, and to recommend prospects to be "Library Storytellers" who help convey the impact of the library's work by providing stories to be shared in various ways.

LIAISON REPORTS

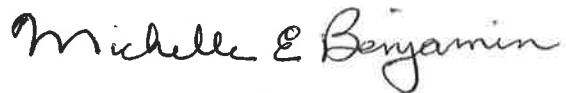
Friends – D. Trotter announced the total of \$252,000 in sales at the Spring Booksale. The Friends are collecting donations for the fall sale.

County – A. Champion briefly discussed potential co-location of Shared Services between the IPD and Sheriff Departments. Champion announced JR Clairborne, the new director of Veterans Affairs. She also reviewed the county budget schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by B. Taetzsch and seconded by J. Moore to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 5:11 PM. A MOTION was made by J. Loehr and seconded by I. Jensen to come out of Executive Session at 6:07 PM with no action taken.

MOTION to adjourn by J. Loehr and seconded by I. Jensen at 6:09 PM. Approved unanimously.



Recorded by Michelle Benjamin
Business Manager



Endorsed by Luca Maurer
Secretary