

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 23, 2023

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

Board members excused: Jamila Simon

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

With a quorum, meeting convened at 4:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 23-32

A **MOTION** was made by D. Trotter and seconded by M. Stahler approve the agenda with correction to add S. Raffloer to Public Comment. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sasha Raffloer
Marybeth Ruether-Wu
Mitchell Hall
Jeanette Zoeckler

APPROVAL OF APRIL 25, 2023 MINUTES DOC 23-33

A **MOTION** was made by B. Taetzsch and seconded by M. Sidle to approve the minutes with a minor correction to the public comment section. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

I, Treasurer, Blixly Taetzsch, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payroll #9 dated 5/4/23 and #10 dated 5/18/23 totaling \$123,675.06. 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 May 2023 bills in the amount of \$187,948.54 as listed in Abstracts #13, #14 and #15.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY DOC 23-34

Returned to committee for revisions.

APPROVAL OF TCPL CARD AND LENDING GUIDELINES DOC 23-35

Approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Booksale is winding down, the next big fun thing to invite board members to is the Ithaca Festival, we are planning to march, line-up is at 5:15, marching at 6:00. Director Tabor spoke about current training, embracing as a library a culture of learning. Including LEAP and RFID and training for staff to feel safe and empowered during intellectual freedom challenges. New librarians start June 12th.

LIAISON REPORTS

County – Champion reported on the budget retreats and the county administrator direction for MOE. Champion spoke about asylum seekers, numerous upstate counties cannot provide asylum, Tompkins County can. Tammy Baker has accepted the Homeless Services Coordinator position. Baker previously worked the outreach at Family and Children's Services in Ithaca and also the Arthaus on Cherry Street.

Foundation – Foundation staff and some board members enjoyed volunteering at the Friends' Booksale over the last few weekends. In the weeks since the READATHON, the Foundation is preparing its 2022 Annual Report, which will be printed on a limited basis and by request, as needed. The summer lull is a good opportunity to communicate with donors about the impact their gifts have made at TCPL. We are assisting library staff with solicitations for in-kind gifts for prizes for participants in the Adult Summer Reading and the Staff Summer Reading Programs. It is helpful to have all solicitations reported in one place to avoid asking local businesses too often. Work continues, in tandem with library staff, to improve communication and reporting about the donor-restricted endowed funds. We're looking forward to having Marli Stahler participate in our board meetings as the new Trustee-liaison.

Friends – The sale is winding down now, raising \$246,00 vs. \$230,00 exceeding last year's sale. The friends are clearing the shelves and cleaning the building ready to accept donations June 10th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A **MOTION** was made by D. Trotter and seconded by L. Murphy to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. the director was invited to join and remained until 5:12 p.m. There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by S. Wong and seconded by L. Chabot to adjourn to public session at 5:41 p.m. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION

There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by M. Sidle and seconded by D. Trotter to adjourn Public Session at 5:41 p.m.

Recorded by Mary McKeon
Administrative Manager

Endorsed by Melisa Sidle
Secretary