

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 22, 2019

TCPL Board Members Present: Ken McClane, President; Don Trotter, Thompson Terry, Blixxy Taetzsch, Anthony Martinez, Nina Miller, Martha Hardesty, Luca Maurer, Jason Moore

Board Members Excused: Jamie Loehr, Liam Murphy, Nina Scholtz, Ingrid Jensen, Shelley Wong

Also Present: Annette Birdsall, Library Director; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager; Mary McKeon, Administrative Manager; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Foundation Executive Director, Amanda Champion; County Liaison

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 19-87

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

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 19-88

A **MOTION** was made by M. Hardesty and seconded by D. Trotter to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Thompson Terry, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #20 dated 9/26/19 and #21 dated 10/10/19 totaling \$113,634.66. 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 October 2019 bills in the amount of \$277,279.98 as listed in Abstracts #29, #30 and #31.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Birdsall shared the Discovery Trails invitation to rural libraries to become part of the Kids Discover the Trail experience by having Kindergarten students visit their home libraries. This will ensure that their library card will open the door to the library they can re-visit throughout their lives. These sites will be added as the Trail expands. She also shared that the program, Legal Hand, may be a useful model to in achieving some of the Access to Justice goals

in Tompkins County. Sunday and Holiday hours have been set for 2020 according to the current contracts.

FOUNDATION REPORT

S. Smith Jablonski reported on the inaugural “Library Literati” event, the “Speakeasy,” which succeeded in surpassing the fundraising goal, as well as the goal of drawing in new prospective ongoing supporters previously unconnected and unfamiliar with the library.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends – D. Trotter remarked the first two weeks of the Booksale went well, Senior Citizen day is Wednesday and one more weekend of the Booksale.

County – A. Champion was happy to report budget season was wrapping up and the Public meeting is Wednesday.

A **MOTION** was made by M. Hardesty and seconded by J. Moore to adjourn at 3:49 PM.
Approved unanimously.

Recorded by Mary McKeon
Administrative Manager



Endorsed by Luca Maurer
Secretary