

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
APRIL 28, 2015

TCPL Board Members Present: Bruce Ryan, President; Martha Walker, Molly Salky, Cindy Nicholson, Jack Clark, Kenneth McClane, Kristine Altucher, Helena Maria Viramontes, Molly Salky, Tim Scott, Peter McCracken, Rochelle Proujansky, Janet Corson-Rikert

Board Members Excused: Risa Mish

Also Present: Michael Lane, Tompkins County Legislative Liaison to the Board of Trustees; Susan Currie, Library director; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Library Foundation director; Carrie Wheeler-Carmenatty; Library programming and outreach coordinator, Michelle Benjamin; Library business manager, Amy Humber, head of Library's Information and Learning Services Department, Thompson Terry; community member

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 15-34

A **MOTION** was made by K. McClane and seconded by K. Altucher to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2015 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 15-35

A **MOTION** was made by K. McClane and seconded by H. Viramontes to approve the minutes without correction. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Cynthia AB Nicholson, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that 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 April 2015 bills in the amount of \$228,613.07 as listed in abstracts #10, #11 and #12.

Smith Jablonski also reported that Inside Story Lunch planning is underway. The Foundation is currently recruiting table hosts, guests and event sponsors. Sponsorships are available at the \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$7,500 levels.

#### STRATEGIC TIMELINE

S. Currie introduced and B. Ryan facilitated a conversation on a strategic timeline developed in response to the need for community-based support to ensure a sustainable funding model for the Library.

#### LIAISON REPORTS

Friends—J. Clark announced the May 2 start of the Spring Friends of the Library Booksale and noted that for the first time, the Booksale would be charging tax on purchases.

County Liaison—M. Lane noted that the County is committed to its partnership with the Library and will continue to explore avenues for meeting the Library's structural deficit. He added that even if the County is able to remedy the Library's deficit this year, it will not be able to meet the need for increased staff. He noted that staffing throughout the county has decreased from 770 employees in 2007/2008 to approximately 700 employees in 2015.

#### QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITTEN REPORTS

None

**MOTION** to adjourn by R. Proujansky and seconded by M. Walker at 5:46. Carried unanimously.



Recorded by C. Wheeler-Carmenatty  
Public Programming and Community Relations Coord.



Endorsed by Peter McCracken  
Secretary