

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
August 25, 2015

TCPL Board Members Present: Bruce Ryan, President; Cindy Nicholson, Jack Clark, Kenneth McClane, Helena Maria Viramontes, Rochelle Proujansky, Risa Mish, Kristine Altucher, Peter McCracken, Janet Corson-Rikert

Board Members Excused: Tim Scott, Martha Walker

Also Present: Susan Currie, Library director; Mary McKeon, Admin. Asst.

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 15-67

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

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 3, 2015 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 15-68

A **MOTION** was made by K. McClane and seconded by R. Mish 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 August 2015 bills in the amount of \$272,985.01 as listed in abstracts #23, #24 and #25.

### APPROVAL OF MOU – Living Wage

A MOTION was made by P. McCracken and seconded by K. McClane to approve MOU – Living Wage. Approved unanimously.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Currie reported that the Library has met the required 60 hours/week opening mandated by NY State for libraries with a population over 100,000. The Library department heads worked with staff to change schedules to accommodate the increase in hours. She also announced a new digital magazine service, Zinio, from the Finger Lakes Library System. More about Zinio can be found at <http://www.flls.org/zinio-omagazines-now-available-to-patrons/>

She also reported on the planned September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with the County Administrator and County Head of Facilities for the process for utilizing the space vacated by FLLS. September 10<sup>th</sup> is also the evening for the TCPL 2016 Budget presentation. Currie reported that she, Mary McKeon and Carrie Wheeler-Carmenatty had met with the new Community Outreach Worker, Tammy Baker. We plan to invite her to give a presentation to all staff. Currie reported that she will be away at New York Library Association meeting on September 21-22 and recommended the Board consider meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> instead.

### DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Smith Jablonski shared exciting news on the Challenge Grant. The grant would match every dollar, up to \$200,000, raised between August 28 and February 28. Smith Jablonski reminded everyone that Friday, August 28 is Giving is Gorges Day, the first ever community organized day of donating online to not-for-profit organizations in Ithaca and Tompkins County, and that the TCPL READATHON, the third annual reading challenge in support of the Tompkins County Public Library, will be held from noon on Friday, September 25 until noon on Saturday, September 26.

### STRATEGIC DIRECTION DISCUSSION

Board President Bruce Ryan briefly reviewed our discussion from the joint Board of Trustees/TCPL Foundation Board of Directors meeting on August 3, at which time we heard from a consultant about the process for new branding, marketing, etc. After the President's report, there was further discussion about the presentation and question-and-answer session. Discussion continued concerning campaign, timing and sustainable funding options. An updated timeline is needed for continued discussion.

LIAISON REPORTS

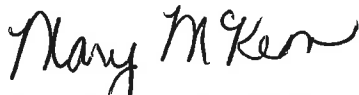
Friends – Jack Clark remarked that the donations for the fall booksale are very good this year. Clark reported that at the sorting party 598 boxes were handled, and that the next sorting party would be on August 27.

County – Mike Lane announced the start of the budget process and the expanded budget committee. They will review all departments and the over target requests.

QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITTEN REPORTS

None

**MOTION** to adjourn by C. Nicholson and seconded by K. McClane at 5:34. Unanimously approved.



Recorded by Mary McKeon  
Administrative Assistant



Endorsed by Peter McCracken  
Secretary