

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 27, 2015

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

Board Members Excused: Bruce Ryan, Risa Mish

Also Present: Susan Currie, Library director; Mary McKeon, Admin. asst., Carrie Wheeler Carmenatty, Library programming and outreach coordinator; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Library Foundation Director; Mike Lane, Tompkins County Legislative Liaison to the Board of Trustees

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Member of the public, John Oaklan, joined the meeting after the public comments portion had passed but was allowed to participate. He asked if any representative from the county attended the meetings and County Legislature Chair Michael Lane was introduced as the liaison to TCPL. Mr. Oaklan asked a few additional questions as the financials were reviewed. He left the meeting at 5:18.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 15-82

A **MOTION** was made by H. Viramontes and seconded by T. Scott to approve the agenda with the addition of Nominating Committee Report. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2015 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 15-83

A **MOTION** was made by R. Proujansky and seconded by J. Corson-Rikert to approve the minutes as corrected. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Cynthia AB Nicholson, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #20 dated 10/1/15 and #21 dated 10/15/15 totaling \$90,844.67. 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 2015 bills in the amount of \$208,560.43 as listed in abstracts #29, #30 and #31.

APPROVAL OF LIBRARY CARD ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS DOC 15-84

A MOTION was made to approve the Library Card Eligibility Requirements. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NOMINEES FOR BOARD

R. Proujansky on behalf of the Nominating Committee presented the nomination of Peter McCracken for a new three-year term on the Board of Trustees. The nomination was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Currie reported that the Town of Ithaca had voted to give TCPL \$10,000 for 2016. We are very appreciative of this vote and thank the Town Board. We plan to invite them for a tour of TCPL so that they can see all that we provide for the residents. Currie reported on a tour of The History Center on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

We had a thorough and very interesting tour of the collections and discussed our ongoing collaborations. Also, she reported on a planned retreat of the Discovery Trail Directors in January and TCPL has offered to host the meeting. She reported that she will attend the November 9<sup>th</sup> Facilities meeting and the November 24<sup>th</sup> Government Operations committee to give a presentation on the plans for utilizing the space vacated by FLLS.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

S. Smith Jablonski reported the campaign has reached ninety-nine percent of the goal. The Challenge grant is going well meeting the benchmark for September. Smith Jablonski welcomed back Kayla Gomula as Development coordinator, a temporary position during the campaign.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION DISCUSSION

Vice President McClane reviewed the meeting of the Community Relations and Outreach Committee. The discussion with Common Council member, Seph Murtagh, at the October meeting was a good opportunity to highlight how TCPL enriches the lives of City of Ithaca residents. Strategies for working more closely with were discussed, including inviting members of Common Council for a tour and presentation at the library. The possibility of a library Open House was suggested. This would be a good opportunity for the community as well.

The committee also discussed the 2014 Community Perception Survey and how we might utilize its findings. The question was raised as to whether we should look into additional surveys and fact finding. The CROC will be reviewing the survey at their next meeting and all members will receive a copy of the raw data.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends – J. Clark thanked the trustees for volunteering at the booksale. Clark mentioned the attendance was down but the sales remained the steady.

County – M. Lane reported the Budget hearing will be November 10. Lane spoke about the approval of the library's Over-Target-Request of \$150,000 and Tompkins County's commitment to this organization. Lane announced the vote on the budget is November 17, 2015.

QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITTEN REPORTS

None

**MOTION** to adjourn by R. Proujansky and seconded by T. Scott at 5:55. Unanimously approved.



Recorded by Mary McKeon  
Administrative Assistant



Endorsed by Peter McCracken  
Secretary