

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MARCH 22, 2016

TCPL Board Members Present: Bruce Ryan, President; Jack Clark, Peter McCracken, Ken McClane, Helena Maria Viramontes, , Janet Corson-Rikert, Thompson Terry, Rochelle Proujansky, Helena Maria Viramontes, Cindy Nicholson, Tim Scott

Board Members Excused: Kristine Altucher, Risa Mish

Also Present: Susan Currie, Library director; Mary McKeon, Admin. asst., Suzanne Smith Jablonski, TCPL Foundation Executive director, Carrie Wheeler Carmenatty, Library programming and outreach coordinator

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 16-19

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

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 16-20

A **MOTION** was made by K. McClane and seconded by J. Corson-Rikert to approve the minutes . Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Cynthia AB Nicholson, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payroll #5 dated 3/3/16 and payroll #6 dated 3/17/16 totaling \$92,837.25. 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 March 2016 bills in the amount of \$220,763.71 as listed in abstracts #7, #8 and #9.

APPROVAL OF THE BYLAWS DOC 16-21

Approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Currie provided an update on the State Municipal Facilities Program preliminary application. She and Foundation Executive Director, Suzanne Smith-Jablonski have worked with County Facilities and County Administration to submit the second preliminary

application. We do not know when we will hear of the final decision but will send updates as we go through the process. Currie also updated the Board on the planned meeting of the directors of the County Libraries next week where we'll talk about policies (system-wide library cards), participation in the County's Bicentennial in 2017 and how we can include the libraries in KDT in the future, if possible. Currie also updated the Board on the plans for the County Bicentennial in 2017 where TCPL will host an exhibit based on an art project throughout the county (more at a future meeting on this), and programs at the library to celebrate the county's history. She announced that the hiring of new staff is official: Linda Judd in Access and Circulation Services and Katherine (Effie) Johnson in Technical Services. She complimented both departments on their hard work during a time of being short-staffed. She invited Trustees to the Volunteer Appreciation event scheduled for April 15th from 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the BW Community Room. Currie will be attending the Public Library's Association annual conference in Denver, Co., April 5 – 9th. Lastly, she updated the Board on the chair selection task force, chaired by Mary McKeon, to replace the chairs in the BW Room with the over target funds provided by the County for the 2016 budget.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT

S. Smith Jablonski reported we had met the Thaler/Howell challenge and exceeded the campaign goal. The emphasis for the coming year will be on communicating impact and progress toward action. We will be developing plans for how to capitalize on the stronger base of support developed through the campaign to grow the annual fund. S. Smith Jablonski pointed out that the Foundation report had been included in the monthly staff report, and drew attention to recent grants applied for and received. She commended trustee P. McCracken on his leadership of the LEGO Build, noting in particular that an article had been included in the Library Journal's "hotline" e-newsletter. Finally, she asked all trustees to consider serving as table hosts for the upcoming Inside Story Lunch on May 24.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends – J. Clark remarked there is still significant amount of books collected/donated. The is now a bicycle rack at the Friends of the Library

QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITTEN REPORTS

None

MOTION to adjourn by K. McClane and seconded by R. Proujansky at 4:58. Unanimously approved.



Recorded by Mary McKeon
Administrative Assistant



Endorsed by Peter McCracken
Secretary