

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
FINAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 23, 2016

TCPL Board Members Present: Bruce Ryan, President; Peter McCracken, Cynthia Nicholson, Luca Maurer, Rochelle Proujansky, Don Trotter, Helena Maria Viramontes, Kenneth McClane, Kris Altucher, Jack Clark, Thompson Terry, Janet Corson Rikert

Board Members Excused: Risa Mish

Also Present: Susan Currie, Library director; Carrie Wheeler-Carmenatty; Library programming and outreach coordinator, Michelle Benjamin; Library business manager, Mary McKeon; Admin. Asst., Caroline Cox, Jennifer Schlossberg; Librarian, Head of Access and Circulation Services

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF PRESENTATION by Jennifer Schlossberg; Head of Access and Circulation Services
J. Schlossberg gave an in-depth overview One Card Many Libraries. Now one card can be used at all 33 public libraries in the system. A brief discussion ensued.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 16-58

A **MOTION** was made by C. Nicholson and seconded by K. McClane to approve the agenda with the addition of Staff Presentation. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF July 26, 2016 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 16-59

A **MOTION** was made by K. McClane and seconded by C. Nicholson to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

R. Proujansky encouraged trustees to continue to submit names of potential candidates.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Cynthia AB Nicholson, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #16 dated 8/4/16, #17 dated 8/18/16 totaling \$95,682.38. 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 of August 2016 bills in the amount of \$144,241.65 as listed in abstracts #23, #24 and #25.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Currie announced that she will be presenting the 2017 budget request to the Expanded Budget Committee at the Legislative Chambers on **September 29, 2016 at 6:55 pm.** Legislators always notice and appreciate seeing Trustees, Foundation Directors, staff and Friends at the presentation. Currie gave an update on the planning meetings being held to develop details of programs for the new service points—the Teen Center and 21st Century Lab. She also reported on the Central Libraries meeting where Central Book Aid and Central Library Development Aid were discussed. There is a desire among central libraries to update the regulations so they are more in line with modern libraries.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION DISCUSSION

Trustee Kris Altucher reviewed and led a discussion on her summary report results of the thirteen focus groups. The discussion included and identified themes in the report; these will be used for the next steps in branding and marketing. Everyone noted how positive the overall results of the focus groups were including the recognition of the good work of TCPL staff.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends—J. Clark reported that other libraries donated six hundred boxes of books left from their booksales. He mentioned the Friends need help sorting books with the recent donations.

QUESTIONS ABOUT WRITTEN REPORTS

MOTION to adjourn by K. McClane and seconded by R. Proujansky at 5:04. Unanimously approved.



Recorded by Mary. McKeon
Admin. Asst.



Endorsed by Peter McCracken
Secretary