

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 25, 2017

TCPL Board Members Present: Bruce Ryan, President; Kenneth McClane, Rochelle Proujansky, Don Trotter, Thompson Terry, Luca Maurer, Ingrid Jensen, Martha Hardesty, Janet Corson-Rikert, Nina Miller, Helena Maria Viramontes

Board Members Excused: Bruce Ryan, Martha Hardesty, Kris Altucher, Leslie Daniels

Also Present: Susan Currie, Library Director; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, Foundation Executive Director; Mary McKeon; admin asst., Michael Lane, Chair of the Tompkins County Legislature

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 3:33 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 17-26

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

APPROVAL OF MARCH 28, 2017 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 17-27

A **MOTION** was made by R. Proujansky and seconded by T. Terry to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF NOMINEE FOR BOARD

The Nominating Committee thanked Trustee Janet Corson-Rikert, who is relocating out of the area, for her service as Board Secretary. The Committee presented the nomination of Ingrid Jensen to fill the position of Board Secretary on the Executive Committee. The vote was unanimous in favor. Ingrid will also join the Search Committee for the new Library Director.

R. Proujansky recommended Jason Moore to serve as trustee for a three year-term. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

I, Treasurer, Thompson Terry, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #7 dated 3/30/17 and #8 dated 4/13/17 totaling \$104,427.41. 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 2017 bills in the amount of \$164,918.28 as listed in Abstracts #10, #11 and #12.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Currie noted that the Refund policy explained in the minutes of the Library & Services Committee will be an action item for the May Board meeting and the department head will be invited to attend for any questions. Currie announced that the new Librarian II, Benjamin Eckley, will begin May 1, 2017. Currie also announced the June 2017 retirement of Amy Humber. She noted that Amy has been at TCPL twenty-nine years, since 1988 and applauded her skills and experience in collections, reference, research and her creative ideas for programs and services for the community. Of special note is her skill with collection layout and moves, including the move of the collection from the N. Cayuga Street library location to the current building.

S. Currie thanked Trustee Janet Corson-Rikert for her service on the Board of Trustees and presented a book which was added to the library collection in her honor.

Currie also invited the Trustees to attend the May 5th Gallery Night where maps from "Mapping Tompkins" will be displayed in honor of the Tompkins County Bicentennial. There will also be a play by Carol Kammen, "Nine Towns and a City" about the formation of the County.

Trustees are invited to participate in the Ithaca Festival Parade in June. More information will be sent to the Trustees, Friends and Foundation Directors about participating in the parade.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends – D. Trotter announced the Spring-sale starts May 6. Trotter distributed the volunteer sign-up sheet for TCPL Trustees and Foundation Board of Directors. Trotter noted special sale dates for non-for profit organizations and stated the sale ends May 23.

County – M. Lane noted the 2018 Budget process is in progress, with a good sales tax report for the first quarter, an increase of 7% over last year. Tompkins County Bicentennial birthday was April 7, with a celebration on Gallery night; a reading by Carol Kammen, "9 Towns and A City", a reading about how our county was formed. There will be a float in the Ithaca Festival parade representing Tompkins County Bicentennial.

MOTION to adjourn by R. Proujansky and seconded by D. Trotter at 3:59. Approved unanimously.



Recorded by Mary McKeon
Admin. Asst.



Endorsed by Ingrid Jensen
Secretary