

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 14, 2017

TCPL Board Members Present: Bruce Ryan, President; Kenneth McClane, Thompson Terry, Nina Miller, Jason Moore, Rochelle Proujansky, Martha Hardesty, Nina Scholtz, Jamie Loehr, Luca Maurer, Kris Altucher

Board Members Excused: Leslie Daniels, Don Trotter, Ingrid Jensen,

Also Present: Annette Birdsall, Library Director; Mary McKeon, Admin Asst; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager; Chair of the County Legislature

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:09 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 17-86

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

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2017 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 17-87

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

R. Proujansky made a recommendation for the 2018 slate of officers on behalf of the Nominating Committee. As President – Bruce Ryan; Vice President – Ken McClane; Treasurer – Thompson Terry; Secretary – Ingrid Jensen. Approved unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Birdsall invited the Board to the Holiday breakfast on December 13 from 8 to 10 am at Hotel Ithaca.

She reported that the 2018 Sunday Schedule (Funded by the Town of Ithaca) is set for 18 open days:

Spring - March 11th through May 13th (closed April 1st) Fall - Sept 16th through Nov 11th

Personnel

She reported that she, Sarah O'Shea, Teresa Vadakin, attended the Library Directors' Summit, Making Room for Public Life: the library's role in civic reinvention on November 2 & 3. She found the summit's major themes challenging and inspiring with the keynote by Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress and community leaders engaged in educating their police force, developing public spaces, and creating change through library programming. The main impact will be exploring ideas about using the History of Tompkins County to engage us in our civic education, to introducing culinary literacy through cooking, and being aware of the impact we can have if we approach our decisions with compassion.

She noted that Regina DeMauro was selected to present her program for serving LGBT Teens at ALA next year which is an honor as the selection process is competitive nationally.

Community

The inauguration of Dr. Shirley M. Collado as Ithaca College President was an inspiring and hopeful event on November 4. The impact of her presidency promises to reach beyond Ithaca College into the entire community. Birdsall is looking forward to introducing the President to our library and learning more about her vision in the coming years.

Construction Update

Several unfinished items remain from the capital project, youth services carpet, small conference room, and the exhaust system for the laser cutter. A determination for occupancy maximums have been requested so our programming in the spaces can begin.

Friends

Birdsall attended the Friends annual meeting the library allocation for 2018 will be increased by \$5,000, and two of our staff members, Michael LeBrecque and Alison Sepos have received education grants for pursuing their Masters in Library and Information Science.

LIAISON REPORTS

Friends – N. Scholtz gave a brief report on the Annual Business Meeting, the officers for 2018 are: President – Susan Bryson Earle

1st Vice-President (Membership) – Anne Carson

2nd Vice-President (Book Sale) – Kathy Weinberg

Secretary – Sarah Johnson

Treasurer – Don Trotter

County – M. Lane announced the retirement of the County Administrator, Joe Mareane at the end of November. They expect to have a new County Administrator by January 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by L Maurer and seconded by T. Terry to go into Executive session at 4:25 PM to discuss personnel matters.


A MOTION was made by M. Hardesty and seconded by K. McClane 4:32 PM to come out of Executive session. Approved unanimously.

The Board acknowledges the resignation of Carrie Wheeler-Carmenatty on October 27, 2017.

MOTION to adjourn by J. Moore and seconded by T. Terry at 4:41 PM. Approved unanimously.



Recorded by Mary McKeon
Admin. Asst.



Endorsed by Ingrid Jensen
Secretary