

TOMPKINS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

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

Board Members Excused: Helena Maria Viramontes, Leslie Daniels, Luca Maurer

Also Present: Susan Currie, Library Director; Mary McKeon, Admin Asst; Michelle Benjamin, Business Manager; Suzanne Smith Jablonski, FDN Executive Director; Teresa Vadakin, Head of ILS; Tom Burns, Library Asst.; Anthony Elia, Attorney; Mike Lane, Chair of the County Legislature

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

With a quorum now present, meeting convened at 4:02 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA DOC 17-68

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

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 29, 2017 DRAFT MINUTES DOC 17-69

A **MOTION** was made by K. McClane and seconded by R. Proujansky to approve the minutes with corrections. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF OPERATING BUDGET

I, Vice President, Ken McClane, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed payrolls #18 dated 8/31/17 and #19 dated 9/14/17 (including a Supplemental Payroll #19 for Settlement) totaling \$123,085.75. 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 September 2017 bills in the amount of \$248,170.65 as listed in Abstracts #26, #27, and #28.

I, Vice President, Ken McClane, in keeping with New York State Education Law, certify that I have reviewed all capital project invoices presented for payment, and that all disbursements are within the approved capital project budget of the library, and therefore recommend that the Board of Trustees approve for payment to Tompkins County capital projects invoices in the amount of \$13,376 as listed in Capital Project Abstract #3.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

R. Proujansky reported that Helena Maria Viramontes has resigned as a trustee, and Leslie Daniels requested a leave of absence until December. R. Proujansky on behalf of the Nominating Committee, recommended J. Loehr, K. Altucher, M. Hardesty, Thompson Terry and D. Trotter for a 3 year term starting in January 2018. Approved unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORT by Susan Currie

Director Currie provided a brief renovation update with information about furniture arriving and being set up, new equipment arriving and plans for the October 13th celebration of the new services. Currie reported on the planned program on September 27 at 7:00 p.m. with the Ithaca City of Asylum. TCPL partners with ICOA each year to celebrate national 'Freedom to Read' week.

The 2018 budget presentation to the County Legislature's Expanded Budget Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 28 at 5:45 p.m. in Legislative Chambers at 121 E. Court Street (entrance is at the back of the building). Currie invited Trustees to attend. Also attending will be Annette Birdsall, the incoming director and Sarah O'Shea the Head of Youth Services. She and Annette have begun meeting and planning for the transition of directors. Currie will be sending the Board and the incoming director an annual report through September/October 2017.

This is Currie's last Board meeting. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Director noting it has been a privilege and an honor. She expressed her appreciation for the outstanding Library staff, the dedicated support, leadership and guidance from the Board of Trustees, the work and support of the Foundation, the Friends and the collaboration with the County. She is looking forward to seeing new and exciting things happening at the library.

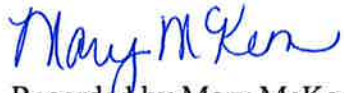
DEVELOPMENT REPORT by Suzanne Smith Jablonski

S. Smith Jablonski reported on the previous weekend's Readathon, noting the increased fundraising participation by readers and highlighting the event's success not only as a revenue-generator but also as a community promotion of the freedom to read. She reminded the group of the upcoming reception on October 13 to unveil the renovations and honor Susan Currie on the occasion of her retirement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION was made by K. McClane and seconded by K. Altucher to go into Executive session at 6:00 PM. Staff and non-trustee members of the search committee left at that time.

MOTION to adjourn by D. Trotter and seconded by K. McClane at 5:32 PM. Approved unanimously.



Recorded by Mary McKeon
Admin. Asst.



Endorsed by Ingrid Jensen
Secretary