

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH  
FEBRUARY 19, 2015

**ATTENDANCE**

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Gregory Arcaro Alexandre Olbrecht Jim Buckley John Margand Harris M. Lirtzman Derrick Touba
ACTING LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
BUSINESS MANAGER:	None
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	Mary Amato
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	None
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	None

The Board meeting began at 7:10 p.m. with Acting Library Director Falcone presiding until the Election of Officers for Year 2015.

**MINUTES**

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 12, 2015.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2015**

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht from the Nominating Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following officers were elected: Nancy Maron, President; Gregory Arcaro, Vice President; and Alexandre Olbrecht, Treasurer.

President Maron named the following Standing Committees for 2015:

Budget & Planning:	Maron, Buckley, Olbrecht, Touba
Finance:	Maron, Buckley, Olbrecht, Lirtzman
Employee Relations:	Maron, Buckley, Margand, Olbrecht
Buildings & Grounds:	Maron, Arcaro, Lirtzman, Touba
Fundraising & Development:	Maron, Margand, Arcaro

## **ACTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Acting Director Falcone submitted a budget request to City Hall in early January. Acting Director Falcone, Acting Assistant Director Thaler, and Business Manager Quis met with Budget Director John Delaney, Associate Budget Director Andrew Lenney, and Sr. Budget Analyst John Jacobson of the City of Yonkers Finance Department on Tuesday, 2/10 to review the request. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were also in attendance. The meeting was informative and constructive for all involved. Acting Director Falcone asked for an increase to hire personnel and funding to allow the Library to entertain more programming. The Mayor's executive budget should be released in early April at which time the City Council will review the budget and make adjustments. In May agency budgets get a second review by the City Council and then in June a budget gets passed.

Tr. Maron suggested that Board members keep in contact with Yonkers council members.

The capital budget request is due to City Hall next Friday. Tr. Arcaro suggested that Acting Director Falcone e-mail a spread sheet to the Trustees so they may review the contents of the capital budget with regards to the Library.

Tr. Maron suggested that a budget tutorial be held for the Trustees and Acting Director Falcone said that will be arranged with Business Manager Quis.

Acting Director Falcone informed the Board members that bids for general construction work on the Technology Training Room at Riverfront were opened on Friday, January 23. He recommended that the Board award this contact to Grasso Brothers of New Rochelle, New York. Acting Director Falcone asked the Board members to pass a resolution to give him the authority to sign a contract with Grasso Brothers.

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and carried, the Board agreed to the attached Resolution authorizing Acting Director Edward Falcone to execute an Agreement with Grasso Brothers General Contracting, Inc.

Acting Director Falcone told Board members that he is waiting to hear from the NYS Dormitory Authority grant and a new CDBG grant which would be allocated for technology upgrades.

Acting Director Falcone was advised by NYLA that the State of New York is requiring all library boards of trustees to adopt a "conflict of interest" policy and a "whistleblower" policy. He distributed drafts of said policies to the Board members for their review and a possible decision on the language at the next Board meeting.

### **ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Acting Deputy Director Thaler said the City Housing Authority and The Community Builders submitted a planning grant. The planning process involved an implementation grant for improvements in surrounding neighborhoods. The Library wrote a letter of support for this planning process. If the grant is successful the Library may be eligible for some of the funding.

### **UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT** – None

### **STAFF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT** - None

**WLS REPORT –**

WLS representative Mary Amato had nothing to report.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the following appointments:

Edward Falcone, Acting Library Director, \$145,059, effective 1/16/15.  
Susan Thaler, Acting Assistant Library Director, \$124,975, effective 1/30/15.

The Board acknowledged the following terminations:

Kelly Smith, Part-time Page, \$8.75/hr., effective 2/7/15  
Gabriella Darcy, Part-time Page, \$8.75/hr., effective 2/7/15.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Planning:**

**Finance:**

**Employee Relations:**

**Buildings & Grounds:**

**Fundraising & Development:**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #753.

Upon motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Tr. Buckley to certify claims in the absence of the Treasurer and the President.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tr. Nancy Maron introduced new Trustee Derrick Touba to the Board members. Tr. Touba replaces Jennifer Lemiech-Iervolino whose term expired December 2014.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE** – Thursday, March 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m.,  
Riverfront Library

The Board Meeting went into an Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

The Board Meeting was resumed and adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Edward Falcone  
Acting Library Director & Secretary