

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
JUNE 17, 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:	Barbara Quis
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	None
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	None
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	None

The Board meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Tr. Lirtzman asked that the following language be amended regarding the Board Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2014 on page 3, Paragraph 4, line 3. Delete "does not foresee future funding as the contract matures" and replace it with "he was concerned that the Board had not conducted sufficient contingency planning in light of such uncertainty."

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 21, 2015 as amended.

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved amending the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 16, 2015 under title "MINUTES", Page 2, line 2, replacing "April 16, 2015" with "March 19, 2015."

ACTING DIRECTOR AND ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT

Acting Director Falcone referred to his and Acting Deputy Director Thaler's report. The Technology Training Room construction is running ahead of schedule. Acting Director Falcone said that the Library is going to bid out the technology contract in mid-August.

Acting Deputy Director Thaler said that the Otis Elevator grant was submitted yesterday.

Acting Director Falcone said there is still no City budget.

Acting Director Falcone complimented Business Manager Quis and her staff for all their hard work on the budget.

Acting Director Falcone informed Board Members that he and Tr. Touba attended an Open Meetings Law session. A discussion ensued among Board members. As a result of this discussion, Tr. Maron suggested recording the names of Trustees when a vote on a motion is not unanimous.

Acting Deputy Director Thaler invited Board members to attend the Jewish Council of Westchester Reading Buddies program. Beginning the week after July 4th, the Program will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday for six weeks from 10:00-12:00 at the Riverfront Library.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT - None

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT - None

WLS REPORT

WLS Representative Mary Amato was not present at this Meeting but did report via e-mail that WLS is being audited by the State Comptroller.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Michael Walsh, P/T Librarian I, \$19.30/hr., effective 5/22/15

Thushar Unnikrishna, P/T Page, \$9.35/hr., effective 5/23/15

Myles Robert, P/T Librarian I, \$19.30/hr., effective 5/23/15

The Board acknowledged the following resignation:

Doris Miranda-Pemberton, P/T Page, \$9.35/hr., effective 5/15/15

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning: Maron, Buckley, Olbrecht, Touba

Finance: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley, Lirtzman

Employee Relations: Maron, Margand, Buckley, Olbrecht

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Lirtzman, Arcaro, Touba

Tr. Lirtzman will schedule a meeting to discuss building security footage policies.

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Arcaro, Margand

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #757.

Tr. Olbrecht distributed a draft of proposals to Board members regarding management salaries.

Tr. Maron called the Board to an Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss these proposals.

The Board Meeting resumed at 8:21 p.m.

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached Resolution granting a salary adjustment for the Business Manager.

Tr. Maron announced that Tr. Olbrecht's proposal regarding retroactive increases which had in the past been grandfathered in for former unrepresented employees, will not be approved for the previous Library Director.

Tr. Maron said that the Employee Relations Committee will meet to formally discuss the policy going forward on executive salaries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and approved, the Board agreed to close the Library on Sunday, September 6th pending an attempt to recruit employees who desire to work on that day.

On motion of Tr. Margand, seconded and unanimously approved, the Board voted to revise the YPL By-Laws Article III, Section 1, third sentence, by replacing the word "shall" to "may be mailed" and adding "or e-mailed" so as to notify the Trustees of upcoming meetings via e-mail as opposed to regular mail.

Tr. Touba had nothing but praise for the employees at the Grinton I. Will Branch after presenting them with a dire printer problem he was experiencing on

Saturday, June 6. He told Board members that he was very impressed with their competent assistance and professionalism.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Thursday, July 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Riverfront Library.

Tr. Maron called the Board into an Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss the Library Director recruitment.

The Board Meeting resumed at 10:42 p.m.

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously approved, the Board voted to appoint Edward M. Falcone Director of the Yonkers Public Library effective immediately.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Acting Library Director & Secretary