

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
CRESTWOOD BRANCH
OCTOBER 19, 2015

ATTENDANCE

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| TRUSTEES: | Nancy Maron Gregory Arcaro Jim Buckley John Margand Derrick Touba Stephen Jannetti |
| GUEST: | Clifford Schneider, President, YPL Foundation |
| LIBRARY DIRECTOR: | Edward Falcone |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR: | Susan Thaler |
| BUSINESS MANAGER: | Barbara Quis |
| ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: | Sarah McAllister |
| YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES: | Mary Amato |
| UNION REPRESENTATIVE: | None |

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

Tr. Maron welcomed YPL Foundation President Clifford Schneider who gave an update on The Foundation. Mr. Schneider informed the Board members that he hired a consultant to design the Foundation website so it will link to the Library website. He said he intends to do one last campaign this year for donations and feels money from the Foundation would be best used for funding children's

technology, technology for seniors, homework helper and ESL. Mr. Schneider advised the Board members that he will be unable to serve as President of the Foundation after December, 2015 and that they also need more Board members. He asked the YPL Board members for replacement suggestions and said he would provide his assistance after December if needed. Mr. Schneider updated the Board members on the Foundation's financial status and upcoming expenditures on behalf of the Library.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 17, 2015.

DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

Director Falcone referred Board members to the Management Report. The opening date for the Riverfront Tech training space has been changed to January/February due to a manufacturing problem. Director Falcone will be following up with the vendor.

Director Falcone told the Board members that Mayor Spano visited Crestwood Branch last month and the Mayor expressed an interest in making part, if not all, of the building handicapped-accessible. A meeting with City personnel regarding this will be forthcoming.

The Library received a \$1,500 donation from September's filming of "The Blacklist" at the Riverfront Library.

Director Falcone said that IT Manager Carlos Figueroa will develop an RFP regarding the solicitation of a financially feasible internet provider. Board members requested that Mr. Figueroa attend a Board meeting in order to give them an overview of technology at Yonkers Public Library.

Director Falcone told Board members that Pernida Edwards, Library Assistant at Crestwood Branch, announced her plans to take the recently offered retirement incentive effective December 30th.

Director Falcone informed Board members that the Library has been awarded a \$50,000 CDBG grant for technology improvements at Riverfront.

He said that WLS upgraded their wireless network service and the Library's new equipment was installed in September, which will now accommodate many more simultaneous users.

Director Falcone asked Board members to inform Business Manager Quis if they are interested in attending the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on November 12, 2015.

Deputy Director Thaler reminded Board members that the third annual YoFi Film Festival will be held at the Riverfront Library on the evenings of Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23 as well as all day Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25. She also told Board members that a new application to use Library facilities will be implemented by the city beginning in January.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - None

WLS REPORT

WLS Representative Mary Amato said that the Annual WLS meeting will be on November 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Westchester Marriott. She told the Board members that the National Library Week Breakfast will be held on April 13th with former Congressman Barney Frank as the guest speaker. She also mentioned that the WLS Development Committee was working on mini grants for libraries.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Andrea Miralda, P/T Page, \$8.75/hr., effective 9/19/15

Evencio Alvarez-Martinez, P/T Page, \$9.75/hr., effective 9/19/15

Pietro Torres, Custodial Worker, \$39,580/yr., effective 9/25/15

Devon Bolden, P/T Page, \$8.75/hr., effective 9/26/15

Melinda Lance, Permanent Sr. Library Clerk, \$45,055/yr., eff. 10/9/15

Samantha Morton, P/T Page, \$10.50/hr., effective 10/10/15

Vivian Zapata, P/T Page, \$10.50/hr., effective 10/10/15

The Board acknowledged the following termination:

Gina Stabile, P/T Page, \$9.05/hr., effective 10/10/15

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning: Maron, Buckley, Olbrecht, Touba

Finance: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley

Employee Relations: Maron, Margand, Buckley, Olbrecht

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Arcaro, Touba

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Arcaro, Margand, Jannetti

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #761.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Director Falcone signed a contract with the strategic planning company Library Development Solutions. Director Falcone and Deputy Director Thaler will be meeting with them on October 27, 11:00 a.m. at the Riverfront Library. Trustees were invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Tr. Margand, seconded and carried, the Board approved the YPL 2016 Holiday Schedule, with one opposing vote by Tr. Arcaro.

Tr. Arcaro said he is an advocate of the Library being open 7 days a week, 365 days per year. While he understands that the Library has a union contract for observing holidays, he understands that the Library is under no obligation to close. Tr. Arcaro suggested discussions at future Board meetings be held regarding the next budget to see how it can include staffing the Library on holidays. The Board agreed to change the heading "Holiday Closings" to "Holiday Schedule".

Tr. Maron met with Haifa Bint-Kadi, curator of the YPL Art Gallery. She said the curator has directed great attention to the art gallery this past year and Ms. Bint-Kadi is amenable to attending quarterly meetings with Board members.

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

Tr. Maron called the Board members into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

The Board Meeting resumed and was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary