

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
JUNE 14, 2018

ATTENDANCE

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| TRUSTEES: | Anietra Guzmán-Santana Nancy Maron Stephen Jannetti Derrick Touba Joseph Puglia John Saraceno |
| LIBRARY DIRECTOR: | Edward Falcone |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR: | Susan Thaler |
| BUSINESS MANAGER: | Vivian Presedo |
| ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: | Sarah McAllister |
| WLS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: | Tr. Puglia |
| UNION REPRESENTATIVE: | Brandon Neider, PC Tech I, Grinton I. Will Branch |

The Board Meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Puglia, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 23, 2018.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Director Falcone referred Board members to the Management Report. An hour before this meeting, Director Falcone was advised by the City's

Finance Department that the Library's budget lines were restored with the exception of \$51,000. Tr. Anietra Guzmán-Santana applauded the efforts of all who participated in the advocacy campaign.

Director Falcone informed Board members that Phase I of the façade project is nearing completion. He reported that a check for \$15,000 from our first state grant for the project was received this afternoon. He also told Board members that Phase II is in progress and expected to proceed smoothly.

Director Falcone advised Board members that application for State construction funding is due by August 20th. Director Falcone said he will apply for two grants: one for the stage lighting and the other for Phase II of the façade project.

Director Falcone told Board members that bids for the Will Boiler project will be opened on Friday, June 15th. While one boiler is in fairly good shape, the second boiler is completely inoperative and must be replaced.

Director Falcone and Deputy Director Thaler met with Robert Voorheis from the City's Human Resources Department. The City has purchased a series of interactive online video training courses that include units on safety and security. Deputy Director Thaler also spoke with Detectives O'Rourke and Montalvo, who will schedule walk-throughs of the branches with Library department heads to assess building security and safety procedures.

Director Falcone stated that 1000 Books before Kindergarten is off to a great start and two children have already completed the challenge.

Deputy Director Thaler told Board members that the PTA at Yonkers Middle School's International Baccalaureate Program honored Riverfront Department Head, Adult/Reference Services, Aurora Cruz with the Jenkins Award for her significant contribution to the welfare of children and youth. This award has never been given to someone outside of the Board of Education community.

Director Falcone told Board members that the front stairs at the Riverfront Library are being repaired and should be completed by early July. He also informed the Board members that the DPW needs to replace water meters at the Will Branch on Friday, June 22, requiring the building to close for the day. Staff will be reassigned to the other branches or will use vacation or personal time for the day.

Director Falcone said that the first Yonkers Pride Festival was held on June 9th with a great turnout. Deputy Director Thaler said that at least 40 new patrons registered for library cards.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT – Union Representative, Brandon Neider had nothing to report.

WLS REPORT – On May 29th, Tr. Puglia attended the WLS meeting and was sworn in as a WLS representative. His term will expire December, 2019.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board acknowledged the following terminations:
Eduardo Cruz, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 5/19/18
Nicholas Claudio, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 6/14/1

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Budget & Planning - Guzmán-Santana, Saraceno, Jannetti

Employee Relations – Guzmán-Santana, Toubia, Puglia

Buildings & Grounds –Guzmán-Santana, Maron, Saraceno, Ilarraza

Fundraising & Development – Guzmán-Santana, Maron, Jannetti
Tr. Maron intends to extend the plaque campaign and is planning two events in the Fall.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #792.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Tr. Puglia, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved closing the Library on Sunday, September 2, 2018.

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved closing Grinton I. Will Branch on Friday June 22, 2018 for water meter repairs.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Wednesday, July 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion of President Guzmán-Santana, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Upon motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded by Tr. Toubá, the Executive Session ended at 10:21 p.m.

The Board meeting resumed and adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary