

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING  
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH  
JUNE 17, 2019

**ATTENDANCE**

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Joseph Puglia Josephine Ilarraza Derrick Touba John Saraceno
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Ed Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Vivian Presedo
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	James Hackett
WLS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE:	Tr. Puglia
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Brandon Neider, PC Technician I
GUESTS:	Dominick Savarese, President SEIU Local 704B

The Board Meeting began at 7:01 p.m.

**MINUTES**

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 29, 2019.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Director Falcone updated the Board on the façade project. It remains behind schedule but the appearance of the building has improved and he was hopeful it would be completed by September.

Director Falcone advised the Board that money had been obtained to retain the services of a professional engineer to begin planning the repair of the elevator at the Will Branch.

Director Falcone updated the Board on the budget. It is still under review by the City Council but a vote was expected within the week.

Director Falcone informed the Board of two recent programs held at the Riverfront Library on June 12: Drag Queen Story Hour and a Verizon VR event celebrating the culmination of the Library's Virtual Reality collaboration with School 15. Both were very successful and enthusiastically attended.

Director Falcone updated the Board on the status of Sunday service during the summer. Opening on Sundays during the summer required the agreement of the Union and a signed side letter from them was still pending.

Director Falcone informed the Board of Senior Law Day held at the Will Branch. It was the first time it was held on a Saturday and was very successful, drawing over 125 senior citizens. He received a lot of feedback from the community that it was very informative and a positive experience.

Director Falcone announced that Montefiore would continue to fund the case manager program at the Riverfront Library through the end of 2019 but its future beyond that was unclear.

Director Falcone advised the Board that the new Evergreen ILS was undercounting circulation statistics, and WLS is running new reports.

### **UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Representative Brandon Neider expressed the Union's concern regarding part-time employee usage. Union President Dominick Savarese advised the Board that the Premise History of the Riverfront Library he distributed at last month's Board Meeting was incorrect and accidentally printed in triplicate. The Board and the Union discussed Sunday service during the summer.

### **WLS REPORT**

Tr. Puglia had nothing to report.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

Nicolas Angel, P/T Page, \$12.00/hr, eff. 5/30/19  
Michelle Blanyar, P/T Page, \$12.00/hr, eff. 5/30/19  
Ismail Ahmad, P/T Page, \$12.00/hr, eff. 6/5/19  
Mary Jackson, P/T Provisional Librarian II, \$25.35/hr, eff. 6/14/19  
Theodora Aina, P/T Page, \$12.00/hr, eff. 6/14/19

Acknowledge the following terminations:

Shauna Porteus, Librarian II, \$71,375.00/yr, eff. 6/6/19  
Dillon Syron, P/T Page, \$12.00/hr, eff. 5/23/19

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance, Budget & Planning**- Guzmán-Santana, Maron, Jannetti

**Employee Relations** - Guzmán-Santana, Touba, Puglia

**Buildings & Grounds** - Guzmán-Santana, Saraceno

**Policy** - Guzmán-Santana, Ilarraza

**Fundraising & Development** – Guzmán-Santana, Maron, Jannetti

Foundation update: Tr. Maron announced that the Foundation was discussing different programming ideas.

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Tr. Saraceno, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #804.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the status of Sunday service during the summer and on motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Director Falcone to sign the Summer Sunday Side Letter pending agreement from the Union.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Revised Policy on Meeting Room Use. On motion of Tr. Saraceno, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the revised policy.

The Board agreed to postpone the Annual Reviews for Management and its discussion of goals and strategic planning.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE** – Thursday, July 18, 2019 at the Riverfront Library

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Tr. Ilarraza motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss the performance of a particular employee at 7:48 p.m.

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned.

Edward Falcone  
Library Director & Secretary