

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
March 16, 2017

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Anietra Guzman-Santana Jim Buckley Derrick Touba
GUEST SPEAKER:	Russell Martinez, YPL Supervisor of Custodians
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
INTERIM BUSINESS MANAGER:	Vivian Presedo
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	None
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	None

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

Russell Martinez, YPL Supervisor of Custodians, explained to Board members his work qualifications, duties, along with present and future expectations for preventative maintenance and upkeep in all three branches. He and his staff of 16 focus on the safety of patrons and Library staff on a day-to-day

basis, as well as after hours, and will continue to keep the needs of the Yonkers Public Library in the forefront.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2017.

DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

On March 8, 2017, Director Falcone, Deputy Director Thaler, and Business Manager Presedo attended the annual budget review meeting at City Hall. Once again, the Library was informed that the city faced a very difficult budget year. The Executive Budget will come out on April 15, 2017.

Director Falcone informed the Board members that a Letter of Intent was signed with Milcon Construction Corp. regarding the Will façade project.

Deputy Director Thaler told Board members that the Crestwood Branch has been subject to major construction on Thompson Street, making traffic and parking difficult. It may last three to four weeks and signage, social media and the web site are being used to keep patrons informed.

Deputy Director Thaler said Staff Development Day on April 21, 2017 will consist of active shooter training, a harassment policy training and staff recognition for employees who have been with the Library for ten or more years.

Director Falcone informed the Board that WLS is considering issuing an RFP for central library services in Westchester. A discussion ensued among Board members regarding a possible application by YPL.

Director Falcone advised Board members that he has been developing a consolidated SEIU contract book for employee use and will submit it to the union for approval when it is completed.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – None

WLS REPORT – None

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Clara Olaya, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 3/4/17

Christine Bitetti, (Permanent) Technology Instruction Coordinator, \$60,011, effective 3/10/17

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Budget & Planning: Maron, Jannetti

Tr. Guzman-Santana advised Board members that the Hispanic Advisory Board will be meeting on March 28, presenting us with an opportunity to talk about the Strategic Plan and shared advantages for the community. The Board members discussed their meeting plans and schedules with community officials and businesses.

Employee Relations: Maron, Greenwald

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Buckley, Santana, Touba

Deputy Director Thaler signed a contract with OLA, an engineering firm under contract with the City, to begin plans for new boilers at Grinton I. Will Branch.

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Santana, Buckley, Touba, Greenwald

A discussion ensued among Board members regarding the Yonkers Public Library Foundation.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #777.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Assemblymember Shelley Mayer will be honoring Tr. Nancy Maron, among others, for Women's History Month at Assemblymember Mayer's office on March 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

A meeting has been scheduled with the Yonkers Public Schools Board of Trustees to discuss the Strategic Plan on April 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Deputy Director Thaler reminded Board members of the WLS National Book Week Breakfast on April 7, 2017 from 8:30-10:30 at the Doral Arrowwood featuring speaker Regina Calcaterra.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Thursday, April 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Grinton I. Will Branch.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary