

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
February 28, 2017

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Derrick Touba Stephen Jannetti Gregory D. Arcaro Hon. Hal B. Greenwald
GUEST:	Russell Davidson, Architect, KG&D
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:	Mary Amato
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	None

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

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 26, 2017.

Architect Russell Davidson from KG&D discussed with Board members the bids which were submitted, the process in making a bid selection, and then how to arrive at a decision to begin the construction process for the Will Façade project.

On motion by Tr. Jannetti, seconded and approved, with Tr. Arcaro abstaining, the Board agreed to intend to award the project to Milcon Construction Corp. pending negotiations of contract and appropriate contingencies subject to final negotiations by the architect, not to exceed \$1,990,000.

DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

Director Falcone told Board members that the City of Yonkers said that they will no longer cover the Library's liability insurance. Business Manager Presedo will be investigating quotes from different insurance companies.

Director Falcone advised Board members that the City's Annual Budget meeting was rescheduled to March 8th.

The Library and Yonkers Public Schools administrators are still working to come up with a solution regarding a library card distribution plan for students.

Director Falcone said that we are in the process of obtaining museum passes for Library.

Element Architects will do a feasibility study on accessibility at the Crestwood Branch. Director Falcone also told Board members that the Library is working with the COY Engineering Department to review proposals for engineering studies from several firms in preparation for the boiler replacement project at Grinton I. Will Branch.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – None

WLS REPORT – WLS Representative Mary Amato said that Advocacy Day will be March 1 in Albany. Westchester County approved \$1,000,000 in funding for WLS and New York State wants a 4% cut in library aid and \$5,000,000 cut in library construction. National Book Week will be celebrated on April 7th at the Doral Arrowwood featuring speaker Regina Calcaterra.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Jose Velez, Part-time Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 2/4/17
Jose Rivera, Part-time Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 2/11/17
Mbanefo Frank Iwuchukwu, Personal Computer Tech. I, \$58,057/yr.,
effective 3/3/17.

The Board acknowledged the following retirement:
Laura Moore, Clerk I, \$42,222/hr., effective 2/27/17

The Board acknowledged the following termination:
Domenica Giordano, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 2/18/17

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Budget & Planning: Maron, Jannetti

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved rolling over the following certificates:

3/7/2017 Rita G. Murphy Memorial Fund 10 mo. CD, Trustco Bank,
\$5,463.75, 0.95%
John Jutkowitz Theater Fund, 13 mo. CD, Trustco Bank,
\$10,550.20, 1.10%

Tr. Maron asked Trustees to review their outreach contact lists and begin making appointments while keeping each other apprised of said appointments via e-mail.

Employee Relations: Maron, Greenwald

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Buckley, Santana, Touba

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #776.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Business Manager Presedo asked Board members to e-mail their responses to her if they plan to attend the Women in Business Luncheon on March 22 at the Castle Royale.

Tr. Arcaro said that on March 14, the Community Planning Council has planned an advocacy day in Albany.

Director Falcone presented to the Board a revised Selection Policy.

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and approved, the Board agreed to replace and update the attached Selection Policy with one change which will include mentioning the strategic plan.

Tr. Maron and Board members thanked Tr. Arcaro, who resigned as of 3/1/17, for his years of service on the Library Board of Trustees.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Thursday, March 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m.,
Riverfront Library

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary