

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
July 20, 2017

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Anietra Guzman-Santana Jim Buckley Stephen Jannetti Joseph Puglia
GUEST SPEAKER:	Christine Bitetti, Technology Instruction Coordinator
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
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 7:06 p.m.

New Trustee Joseph Puglia was welcomed by the Board members.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 20, 2017.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Christine Bitetti, Technology Instruction Coordinator at the Riverfront Library, spoke to Board members about her computer training background and her current duties. Christine distributed a list of notable 2017 Tech Central events to Board members which included a monthly breakdown of events and attendees. Christine has developed, and continues to develop, a wide range of instructional programs for children, teens and adults and, looking to the future, will continue to keep the Technology Room an integral part of the Library experience.

DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

Director Falcone referred Board members to the KG&D report regarding the Will façade project. The contractor is now recommending replacing a large section of roof that extends from the front lobby to the center of the building. The architect is reviewing the recommendation and pricing the job.

Director Falcone reported that a check covering 90% of last year's Library Construction Aid grant would be arriving soon. The total amount of that grant was \$153,804. The Dormitory Authority has approved a grant in the amount of \$250,000 but it requires a Board resolution to complete the process. Both grants were written to support the Will Branch façade project.

Director Falcone told Board members that there was an electrical problem in the cooling tower at Grinton I. Will Branch which has been temporarily remedied and will be permanently repaired soon.

Director Falcone advised Board members that the City has obtained a FEMA grant to make improvements to 1 Larkin Center that will mitigate flood damage in the event of another major storm. The project will begin in August, and will take around four months to finish. Temporary disruptions to service will include deliveries, book drops and access to the handicap ramp on River Street.

Deputy Director Thaler told Board members that in late June she, along with Branch Administrator Zabriskie, Community Outreach Librarian Porteus and Technology Instruction Coordinator Bitetti attended the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Chicago. She reported that it was an instructive and worthwhile experience for all attendees.

Director Falcone updated the Board on a pending grant from the Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative Innovation Fund. Community Outreach Librarian Shauna Porteus has written a Letter of Intent and will be partnering with CLUSTER Community Services on this proposal with the hopes of an invitation to submit a full proposal which is due in mid-August.

Director Falcone advised Board members that the Yonkers Public Library Foundation is in the process of being dissolved and a small working group of staff and Trustees have been meeting to explore future fundraising options.

Deputy Director Thaler said that Library employees are continuing to be trained on various new statistics collection programs and a new materials ordering platform. She stated that the staff is doing a great job learning and integrating these new programs into their daily work.

Director Falcone told Board members about Art Gallery Curator Haifa Bint-Khadi's successful Gallery Hop idea which takes place on the first Thursday of each month. It includes visits to several Downtown galleries, and discounted meals at participating restaurants. The first event was very successful.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – None

WLS REPORT – WLS Representative Mary Amato said that WLS as of now, has not received FYAT money from the State. This year's NYS Construction Aid program will allocate \$1,100,000 to WLS member libraries. The next annual WLS breakfast will be on November 16, 2017 at WLS headquarters.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Caroline Sullivan, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 7/1/17

Esha Hafeez, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 7/15/17

Indirah Bowman, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 7/15/17

Mariangelis Burgos, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 7/15/17

The Board ratified the following salary increases:

Edward Falcone, Library Director, \$160,000, effective 7/1/17
Susan Thaler, Asst. Library Director, \$136,000, effective 7/1/17
Vivian Presedo, Business Manager, \$119,000, effective 7/1/17

The Board ratified the following hourly pay increase:
Ahmed Murshed, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 7/1/17

The Board acknowledged the following terminations:
Annamma Ouseph, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 7/8/17
Katie Farragher, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 7/8/17
Zahra Edwards, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 7/15/17

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Budget & Planning: Maron, Jannetti

Employee Relations: Maron, Greenwald

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Buckley, Guzman-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 #781.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to adopt the Grant Disbursement Agreement Resolution.

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to approve the 2016 State Annual Report.

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to adopt the Resolution for The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library, Inc.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Wednesday, September 13, 2017, Crestwood Branch.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary