

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
February 11, 2013

ATTENDANCE:

TRUSTEES:	William E. Sheerin Nancy L. Maron Jim Buckley Jennifer Lemiech-Iervolino John P. Margand Alexandre Olbrecht Gregory D. Arcaro
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Stephen E. Force
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Barbara Quis
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	Mary Amato
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	None
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	None

The Board meeting began at 7:15 p.m. with Library Director Force presiding until the Election of Officers for Year 2013.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 8, 2013.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2013

The following officers were elected: Dr. William E. Sheerin, President; Nancy L. Maron, Vice President; and Jim Buckley, Treasurer.

Dr. Sheerin named the following Standing Committees for 2013:

Budget & Planning:	Sheerin, Buckley, Maron, Olbrecht
Finance:	Sheerin, Buckley, Margand
Employee Relations:	Sheerin, Buckley, Margand
Buildings & Grounds:	Sheerin, Lemiech-Iervolino, Arcaro
Fundraising & Development:	Sheerin, Maron, Margand, Olbrecht

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Force distributed to the new Trustees a copy of the YPL Advocacy Letter which was recently presented at a meeting with the Mayor and also will be presented at follow-up meetings with city council members. He said that the meeting with the Mayor was positive and Mayor Spano was appreciative of the Library's needs. As a result of the meeting, the Library will be given a \$25,000 grant from Wilson Kimball, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Development at the City of Yonkers. Director Force advised the Trustees that we were instructed by Wilson Kimball's staff that such funds must be used for construction. Director Force told the Board Members that he was considering using the funds for the construction of a Technology Training Center, which has long been desired by Library staff. The Mayor was responsive to this plan for the Library.

Director Force and Deputy Director Falcone will be meeting with Shelley Mayer on Friday, February 15, 2013. Director Force pointed out that with continued development of the Waterfront, he would like to keep proposing to council members restoring Sunday service at the Library.

Director Force told Board members that he had a walk-around at Grinton I. Will Branch about a week ago with city engineers to evaluate the validity of our pending request to replace the façade and windows. Director Force reminded the Board Members that March 7, 2013 is the date for the budget hearing with Finance Commissioner John Liszewski.

Director Force advised Board members that our insurance company will most likely cover the Library for the losses we submitted in connection with Hurricane Sandy. Director Force and Deputy Director Falcone met with other city agencies as well as people from FEMA. Director Force told the Board Members that FEMA will apparently cover about 75% of those claims and there is a possibility the State will cover half the remaining difference.

Director Force informed the Board members of the upcoming Annual Women in Business Luncheon which will be held at Dunwoodie, 12:00-2:00 p.m. on March 20. Barbara Quis, Business Manager, offered to e-mail the invitation to the Board members.

Director Force updated the new Trustees regarding the Verizon situation.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Falcone pointed out to the Board members that circulation is still down. He said that the Library hasn't purchased anything new since last May. Books will be purchased shortly, which should, in turn, bring the circulation statistics up.

Deputy Director Falcone advised the Board members as to the status of the fire alarm system at Grinton I. Will Branch. He said that the City thinks the fire alarm problems, while posing no threat to the building, have all been solved. The fire department will conduct a test next Tuesday to confirm that this long-standing problem has been corrected.

Deputy Director Falcone told the Board members that the City sent three engineers to inspect the facade at Grinton I. Will Branch last week. He updated the new trustees about the deterioration of the masonry which originally sparked this project and reminded Board members of the window bundling as a part of this process.

Deputy Director Falcone said that the Library is still awaiting restitution from the insurance company due to damage done at Riverfront Library as a result of Hurricane Sandy.

Deputy Director Falcone addressed Dr. Sheerin’s question regarding the popularity of e-books. He informed him that e-books usage has been rapidly growing and that WLS subscribes to an e-book service as well as a music download service.

Deputy Director Falcone informed Board members that the Library now has a wireless printing service.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT - None

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT – None

WLS REPORT

Mary Amato said that March 5, 2013 is Library Advocacy Day in Albany. Buses will be provided. Mrs. Amato also mentioned that Rob Calouri, Director of IT at WLS, held a meeting and advised participants that the e-book collection is expanding rapidly. She said that libraries were also very happy with the music from Sony catalog downloads. Mrs. Amato said that by year end, the IT Department at WLS is planning to have everything in the catalog on APPS. She said that Mt. Vernon central library’s budget was approved and candidates for Director of the Library are currently being interviewed.

PERSONNEL REPORT - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning

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COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Sheerin said he appreciates the prompt attention by the Board of Education Trustees regarding the selection of the Library's Trustees and the reinstatement of our current Trustee. He informed the Board members that he will send a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to Mr. Patel, President.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved Payment of Bills as listed on Schedule #729.

On motion of Jennifer Lemiech-Iervolino, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the designation of Tr. Alexandre Olbrecht to certify claims for payment in the absence of the Treasurer and the President.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tr. Maron suggested the YPL Foundation President, Clifford Schneider, attend meetings to reconnect with the Board's original assistance in establishing programs to solicit funding for the Foundation. Mr. Schneider is in the process of forming a twelve member Board for the Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 7:00 p.m.,
Riverfront Library.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Stephen E. Force
Library Director & Secretary