

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING  
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY  
MARCH 27, 2013

**ATTENDANCE:**

TRUSTEES:	William E. Sheerin Jim Buckley Jennifer Lemiech-Iervolino John P. Margand Alexandre Olbrecht Gregory D. Arcaro
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	None
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Barbara Quis
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	Mary Amato
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Cheryl Johnson, Clerk I Typist Riverfront Library
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	Rose Bannister, Clerk III Business Office

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

**MINUTES**

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 11, 2013.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - None**DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Deputy Director Falcone introduced Russell Davidson, Daniel Jaconetti and Travis Schnell from KG&D architects to the Board members. The architects, along with Mr. Pinto, consultant, presented a power point schematic regarding Grinton I. Will Branch's proposed replacement facade project.

On March 7, 2013 Deputy Director Falcone, Director Force and Business Manager Quis, met with Mr. Delaney and Mr. Lenney of the Finance Department at City Hall. Deputy Director Falcone said that the Library's budget was reviewed and some questions were asked. He informed the Board members that the Mayor may release his budget in the middle of April. On March 19 Director Force and Deputy Director Falcone met with Councilman John Larkin and gave him the Library's Advocacy brochure. They discussed the needs of the Library with Mr. Larkin.

Deputy Director Falcone distributed a Book and Author brochure regarding a luncheon to be held in White Plains, during National Library Week, on Thursday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Mayor was invited and is, so far, going to attend. Deputy Director Falcone informed the Board members that The Annual Trustee Institute will be held at the White Plains Library for any trustee who wants to attend. Mr. Jerry Nichols will be the presenter.

Deputy Director Falcone told Board members that the Library received a final settlement from our insurance company regarding the damages to Riverfront Library from Hurricane Sandy. FEMA is still issuing grants and the Library has applied for more assistance.

The basement at Riverfront Library is nearly completed. Deputy Director Falcone advised the Trustees that painting in the basement will begin soon. The print shop will be relocated, the custodial break room and supply room is intended to return to the basement.

Deputy Director Falcone reported to the Board members that The Grinton I. Will Branch fire alarm project has passed inspection and is officially completed.

Deputy Director Falcone informed the Board members that he and Director Force attended an exhibit at Grand Central Station last week. They were approached and asked to host part of the Grand Central Station exhibit. This exhibit would be presented in the Riverfront Library atrium beginning in the middle or by the end of April for approximately a few months.

Deputy Director Falcone told Board members that he is working with an engineer and looking at plans to replace the elevator at Grinton I. Will Branch. He said that this is the original elevator which is experiencing chronic problems. Deputy Director Falcone will keep the Board apprised of any discussions or progress.

Deputy Director Falcone reminded Board members that at the last Board meeting the creation of a training space for the public on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Riverfront Library was discussed. The city, as of the last Board meeting, was ready to commit some money for the project. On February 15, 2013 Director Force and Deputy Director Falcone met with Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer regarding an attempt on Ms. Mayer's part to obtain state money to help fund this project. Ms. Mayer asked Director Force to submit a proposal to her for the training space project. In the meantime, Deputy Director Falcone informed Board members that he and Director Force found an architect, Lothrop and Associates, to design and supervise the eventual construction of the training room. He passed out their company brochures to the Board members. Deputy Director Falcone advised Board members that the company is very well known in the library field. Deputy Director Falcone submitted a proposal and contract to our attorney for review. Deputy Director Falcone told the Board members that this project is of particular interest to Mayor Spano. Tr. Arcaro expressed concern as to exploring proposals from other design firms.

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and carried, the Board approved the attached Resolution which authorizes Stephen Force, Library Director, to execute an Agreement with Lothrop Associates, LLP.

Deputy Director Falcone reported to the Board members that he recently attended a meeting at Grinton I. Will Branch regarding a New York State pre-construction hearing for the Tuckahoe Road overpass. This construction was slated to begin the week of April 1.

Deputy Director Falcone stated that the circulation statistics should rise again due to new book purchases.

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

Union Representative Cheryl Johnson stated there was nothing to report at this time.

### **STAFF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Staff Representative Rose Bannister stated there was nothing to report at this time.

### **WLS REPORT**

Mary Amato informed the Board members that she attended a WLS meeting last night and it was reported that the State Assembly may be agreeing to add \$4 million to the library budget. She reported to Board members that there was very good representation at Library Day in Albany.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

Carlos Bermeo, P/T Custodial Worker, \$8.45/hr., eff. 3/18/13  
Christopher Benedetti, Custodial Worker, \$35,550, eff. 3/29/13  
Paul Emond, Custodial Worker, \$35,550, eff. 3/30/13  
Carmela DeSimone, P/T Page, \$9.05/hr., eff. 3/23/13

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the following salary increase:

Radhalin Deleon, P/T Page, \$9.05/hr., eff. 2/11/13

The Board acknowledged the following resignations:

Francis Marino, Custodial Worker, \$41,615, eff. 3/12/13

Robert Ochs, P/T Page, \$9.05/hr., eff. 3/9/13

Jeramie Eliscar, P/T Page, \$9.35/hr., eff. 1/26/13

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Planning:** Sheerin/Buckley/Maron/Olbrecht

**Finance:** Sheerin/Buckley/Margand/Olbrecht

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to roll over the following certificates:

Contributions Account, Sterling National Bank, 12 mo. CD, 0.90%, \$25,559.62

Saunders Book Fund, Sterling National Bank, 12 mo. CD, 0.90%, \$66,455.02

**Employee Relations:** Sheerin/Buckley/Margand/Olbrecht

**Buildings & Grounds:** Sheerin/Lemiech-Iervolino/Arcaro

**Fundraising & Development:** Sheerin/Margand/Maron/Olbrecht

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Sheerin stated that he would like to set up a meeting with YPL Trustees and some council members in early April regarding the Grinton I. Will façade re-facing project. Dr. Sheerin said that he would get in touch with Tr. Maron to set up an appointment with them.

Tr. Olbrecht, in collaboration with Deputy Director Falcone, gave an impressive power point presentation to the Board members. The presentation highlighted Yonkers Library expenditures and funding as compared to other county and city libraries. The numbers showed that Yonkers Public Library is underfunded compared to other libraries.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved Payment of Bills as listed on Schedule #730.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE** – Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Grinton I. Will Branch.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Stephen E. Force  
Library Director & Secretary

