

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL MEETING
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
MARCH 19, 2015

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Jim Buckley Harris M. Lirtzman Derrick Touba
GUESTS:	Carl Skelton and Norm Jacknis, Gotham Innovation Greenhouse Christopher St. Lawrence, City of Yonkers Planning Department William Kang, Esq., Keane & Beane
ACTING LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Barbara Quis
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	None
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Emily Power, Clerk I, Riverfront Library
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	Rose Bannister, Clerk III Business Office, Riverfront Library

The Board meeting began at 7:05 p.m. with a presentation by members of the City of Yonkers Planning Department and Gotham Innovation Greenhouse who described the pending Riverfront art installation project to the Board members.

Tr. Maron called the Board members into an Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations.

The Executive Session ended at 8:50 p.m. After a five minute break, the Board meeting resumed at 8:55 p.m.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Lirtzman, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting of February 19, 2015.

ACTING DIRECTOR AND ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR REPORT

Acting Director Falcone informed the Board members that the contract regarding the Riverfront Library Technology Training Room with Grasso Brothers was executed and DASNY finally sent an executed agreement for \$100,000 towards the Riverfront Technology Training Room. Acting Director Falcone said that he is waiting for the building permit to start construction and he will check the status on Monday.

Acting Deputy Falcone told the Board members that after the Capital Budget was submitted we were advised to lower the budget for fiscal 2016. Acting Director Falcone advised the Budget Commissioner that the Library could stall the CCTV project for Grinton I. Will Branch as well as a purchase of a pick-up truck until 2017. Acting Director Falcone wants to preserve the equipment line, book budget, and façade and boiler projects.

Acting Director Falcone said that after an extensive search, the Library staff has selected a new web designer. There will be a meeting with the staff and web designer next week to negotiate the terms of an agreement.

Acting Director Falcone spoke about the Annual State Report and their request for a long range plan. Terry Kirchner from WLS will assist us with this so we can submit one for next year's report.

WLS has a breakfast meeting coming up in April. The Board members were asked to inform Acting Director Falcone if they want to attend.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Union Representative Emily Power had nothing to report.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Staff Representative Rose Bannister had nothing to report.

WLS REPORT

WLS representative Mary Amato was not present but did relay via phone conversation that there has not been a WLS Board meeting since November, 2014.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Carlos Figueroa, Personal Computer Technician II, \$77,195/hr., effective 2/27/15

Jay Savino, Custodial Worker, \$35,550/yr., effective 2/27/15

Alyssa Lopez, Part-time Page, \$8.75/hr., effective 2/21/15

Diana Tortorello, Part-time Page, \$9.05/hr., effective 2/28/15

Anne Quartano, Part-time page, \$9.05/hr., effective 3/7/15

The Board acknowledged the following retirement:

Cheryl Johnson, Clerk I Typist, \$39,050/yr., effective 2/26/15

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning: Maron, Buckley, Olbrecht, Touba

Finance: Maron, Buckley, Olbrecht, Lirtzman

Employee Relations: Maron, Buckley, Margand, Olbrecht

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Arcaro, Lirtzman, Touba

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Margand, Arcaro

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #754.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tr. Lirtzman and Acting Director Falcone agreed to finalize the Whistleblower Policy at April's Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved closing the Library on Sunday, May 24, 2015.

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved adopting the Procurement Policy.

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved adopting the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Tr. Maron called the Board members into an Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss the search for a new Library Director.

The Board Meeting was resumed and adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Thursday, April 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Grinton I. Will Branch

Edward Falcone
Acting Library Director & Secretary