

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
OCTOBER 16, 2014

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Gregory Arcaro Alexandre Olbrecht Jim Buckley John Margand Jennifer Lemiech-Iervolino Harris M. Lirtzman
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:	Cheryl Johnson, Clerk I Typist Riverfront Library
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	Rose Bannister, Clerk III Business Office, Riverfront Library

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

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of September 4, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Force informed the Board members that tomorrow, Saturday, and Sunday nights the Second Annual YoFi will begin. On Monday, October 20th Yonkers local officials will be coming to discuss and commemorate the future Technology Room at Riverfront Library. On Thursday, October 23rd at 4:30 p.m., Mayor Spano will be reading to children at Grinton I. Will Branch. Director Force also reminded the Board members that on Friday, October 24th the Library will celebrate Staff Recognition Day at 1:00, Grinton I. Will Branch. He also informed the Board members that the Yonkers Historical Society will be honoring the Yonkers Public Library with the Spirit of Yonkers History Award on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at the Riverview located in Hastings-on-Hudson.

Director Force distributed and explained to Board members an estimated budget assembled by the Administration Department. A minimum wage increase for Library part-time employees has been mandated and will be forthcoming by the end of December. Director Force said he would like to reinstate Sunday service during the summer and have the Library open on Election and Veteran's Days. He told Board members that the Library would like to request funds for 3 hours of free parking for Riverfront patrons. Director Force said he will again request funding to hire a much-needed second security guard for the Grinton I. Will Branch.

The 2015 ALA Conference will be held in San Francisco and the NYLA Conference will be held this month in Saratoga Springs.

Director Force answered Trustee Lirtzman's questions regarding security training for the Library.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Falcone told Board members that he was informed the previous day that the City reduced its capital budget by half. The Library's book budget remains, but the Grinton I. Will Branch's façade project, new boiler, and improvements to the auditorium were cut out, as well as funds for new computer equipment. There is a possibility the City will go back to the bond market at the end of this fiscal year. There will be an interim bond being floated, targeted just for deficits.

Deputy Director Falcone referred to his report. He met with the architectural team last month and reported that the budget issues he

mentioned at the previous meeting are resolved for now, and he is very pleased with the technology plan for the room.

Deputy Director Falcone informed the Board members that he has initiated an inventory project at the Grinton I. Will Branch this past summer, and the first phase of the project will be completed in November.

The Riverfront Library will have to be closed for electrical services on December 5, 6, 7 and 8. Personnel will be reassigned to other branches during this process.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Union Representative Cheryl Johnson inquired as to whether the Library will be opened on Election Day and Veterans Day. Director Force responded that funds were not available to open at this time.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Staff Representative Rose Bannister had nothing to report.

WLS REPORT

WLS Representative, Mary Amato stated that the County said they are planning to give the same amount in funding as last year. The Annual Meeting will be on November 20th.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Raid Murshed, P/T Page, hourly rate increase to \$9.35/hr., eff. 8/20/14

Melinda Lance, Provisional Sr. Library Clerk, \$39,267/yr., eff. 9/12/14

Tiffany Osei, P/T Page, \$8.00/hr., eff. 9/6/14

Ahmed Murshed, P/T page, \$8.00/hr., eff. 9/6/14

Swati Patel, P/T Page, \$8.00/hr., eff. 9/6/14

Sara Fasano, P/T Page, \$9.35/hr., eff. 9/13/14
Odalys Aguilar, P/T Page, \$9.35/hr., eff. 9/20/14
Valerie Schneer, P/T Librarian II, \$25.35/hr., eff. 10/4/14

The Board acknowledged the following resignation:
Raid Murshed, P/T Page, \$9.35/hr., eff. 9/7/14

The Board acknowledged the following retirement:
Mary Stanislawczyk, Clerk I, \$39,050/yr., eff. 10/23/14

It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of Mr. Lawrence Rodriguez, Custodial Worker, on September 22, 2014, \$41,615/year

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley

Trustee Maron suggested scheduling a discussion meeting before the next YPL Board of Trustees Meeting.

Finance: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley, Margand

Employee Relations: Maron, Buckley, Margand

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Lemiech-Iervolino, Arcaro

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Olbrecht, Margand

RATIFICATION OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and carried, the Board ratified payment of bills as listed on Schedule 749.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tr. Maron discussed arranging information sessions within the next two months to recruit any interested persons who may want to be a Yonkers Public Library Board Trustee.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Monday, November 24, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Riverfront Library.

The Board Meeting went into a Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

The Board Meeting was resumed at 9:54 p.m. and adjourned.

Stephen E. Force
Library Director & Secretary