

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
February 28, 2018

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Anietra Guzman-Santana Nancy Maron Derrick Touba Joseph Puglia
GUEST:	Russell Davidson, KG&D Architects
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Vivian Presedo
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	None
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	None

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

MINUTES

Upon suggestion to revise page 4, line 20, changing "h" to "H", on motion of Tr. Puglia, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 28, 2018.

GUEST SPEAKER

Russell Davidson updated the Board members on Phase I of the Will façade project as well as the Phase II bidding process, lighting alternatives, Milcon Construction Company's progress, and the time line.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Director Falcone referred the Board members to his and Deputy Director Thaler's combined written report. He said that Phase I of the façade project is moving along considerably well, while Phase II will begin upon contract signature.

Director Falcone, Deputy Director Thaler, and Business Manager Presedo attended the February 8th operating budget review meeting. A meeting with Mayor Spano is scheduled for March 9th. After his proposed budget is released in April, it goes to the City Council for review. Director Falcone suggested to the Board members to make appointments with council members after April.

Director Falcone told the Board members that March 24th will be the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten launch, with kick-off events at different times during the day at all three branches. Graphic Artist Mario Pereira and Community Outreach Librarian Shauna Porteus created an attractive brochure introducing the program.

Director Falcone informed the Board members that the Montefiore Grant's community Case Managers have been successfully providing patrons with assistance two days per week at both Will and Riverfront.

The Board members were notified that Will Branch Administrator Christian Zabriskie submitted a proposal at an ALA meeting in Denver to present a Children's Storytelling Festival by making use of the incubator facility. The proposal won a \$1000 award for the Yonkers Public Library.

Director Falcone said that a roster of events will take place throughout the year to celebrate the Library's 125th anniversary.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT – None

WLS REPORT – None

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Kwame Kuffuor-Berko, P/T Librarian II, \$25.35/hr., eff. 1/27/18

Bijula Antony, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 2/3/18

Sumie Hernandez-Moss, \$11.00/hr., effective 2/3/18

John Patterson, \$11.00/hr., effective 2/17/18

The Board acknowledged the following termination:

Ana Delgado, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 2/3/18

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Budget & Planning:

On motion of Tr. Maron, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following transfer of funds:

Rita G. Murphy Memorial Fund, Sterling National Bank, 14 mo. CD, \$5,507.13; 1.85%

John Jutkowitz Theatre Memorial Fund, Sterling National Bank, 14 mo. CD, \$10,773.99; 1.85%

Employee Relations:

Buildings & Grounds:

Fundraising & Development:

Tr. Maron said that a ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at Will on May 10th from 6-8 p.m. to celebrate the renovations and YPL’s 125th birthday. Tr. Maron informed the Board members that the Foundation is exploring ways to use pieces of the old metal sun shades as part of a fundraising campaign.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #788.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board moved to authorize the Board President to sign the Milcon contract for the Grinton I. Will Façade Phase II.

On motion of Tr. Puglia, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved closing the Library on April 27, 2018 for Staff Development Day.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Library

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary