

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
January 31, 2018

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Anietra Guzman-Santana Nancy Maron Stephen Jannetti Derrick Touba Joseph Puglia
GUEST:	Maria Abdullah, Special Advisor to the City Council President
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
BUSINESS MANAGER:	None
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	None
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	None

The Board Meeting began at 7:13 p.m. with Library Director Falcone presiding until the Election of Officers for year 2018.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Puglia, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 14, 2017.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2018

On motion of Tr. Puglia from the Nominating Committee, seconded and unanimously carried, the following officers were elected: Anietra Guzman-Santana, President; Nancy Maron, Vice President; and Stephen Jannetti, Treasurer.

President Guzman-Santana will name the Standing committees for 2018 at a later date.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Director Falcone advised Board members that due to snow the Library was closed on January 4 and had a delayed opening on January 17. Crestwood Branch suffered a boiler breakdown and had to close for additional days.

Director Falcone told Board members that Phase I of the Will façade project is behind schedule but expects completion by April. Phase II of the project brought in seven bids. Milcon, the lowest bidder, is the company completing Phase I, and was recommended by our architect to complete Phase II.

Director Falcone informed the Board members that the FY2019 operating budget and capital budget were submitted on time. The two priority capital projects are a new elevator and new boiler at Will. Director Falcone, Deputy Director Thaler and Business Manager Presedo will be attending the City budget meeting on February 8.

Tr. Toubia arrived at 7:24 p.m.

Director Falcone told the Board members that on Saturday, March 24, the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program will be launched with an event at each branch.

Case managers from the Montefiore grant, in collaboration with CLUSTER, have begun working at Riverfront and Grinton I. Will Branch two days a week with much success.

Director Falcone said that Ernie Garcia of LoHud interviewed Will Branch Administrator Christian Zabriskie regarding the incubator project and posted his story both on-line and in print.

This year the Library will be celebrating its 125th anniversary. Events will be posted on the YPL website as they are finalized by the planning committee.

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:

Dante Barbieri, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 1/6/18

Justine Osterman, Librarian Trainee, \$43,685, effective 2/7/18

The Board acknowledged the following minimum salary wage increases for part-time pages from \$10.00/hr., to \$11.00/hr., effective 12/31/17:

Indirah Bowman

Mariangelis Burgos

Nicholas Claudio

Maureen Crowley

Hamza Farooqui

Jon Figura

Esha Hafeez

Alyssa Lopez

Litzy Mejia

Laurence Mintah

Christian Pichardo

Alexia Rodriguez

Tiana Sigler

Tasfia Tasnim

Melissa Torres

The Board acknowledged the following terminations:

Alyssa Lopez, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 1/13/18

Anne Quartano, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 1/22/18

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Budget & Planning:

Employee Relations:

Buildings & Grounds:

Fundraising & Development:

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #787.

In the absence of the Treasurer and the President, the Board voted to designate the Vice President to certify claims for payment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tr. Maron said The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library, Inc. had their second meeting last night. They will have their own website and letter campaign by April.

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following appointments to The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library, Inc.:

Nancy Maron – President
Anietra Guzman-Santana – Vice President
Edward Falcone – Library Director
Joann Li – Secretary
Kathleen Ruen
Anna Birratella
Mary hoar
Teresa Pereira
Alison Marra
Kofi Sansculotte
Jaime Martinez
Diana Lugo-Martinez

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved revisions to the By-Laws of The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library, Inc.

On motion of Tr. Maron, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to award the contract for Phase II of the Will Façade Project to Milcon Construction Corp., based on their low bid of \$2,368,000 and the recommendation of the architects.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Grinton I. Will Branch.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary