

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
April 21, 2016

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Derrick Touba Jim Buckley Gregory Arcaro Alexandre Olbrecht Stephen Jannetti
GUESTS:	Sara Dirs, KG&D Associates Steve Wagner, Yonkers Committee for Smart Development
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Barbara Quis
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.

Sara Dirsra of KG&D Associates presented sample materials and picture renderings for the upcoming Grinton I. Will Branch facade re-construction project to the Board members. Ms. Dirsra and Board members discussed keeping the building's integrity while ensuring a safe, durable transformation. Director Falcone said that hopefully documents can go out to bid by late May, with construction beginning in early fall.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 15, 2016.

DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

Director Falcone told the Board members that the Riverfront Tech Central room is nearly done. Last minute details are being addressed. Deputy Director Thaler informed Board members that Technology Instruction Coordinator Christine Bitetti is in the process of drafting a guidelines brochure regarding the Tech Center, which will be ready for the grand opening on May 4th.

A few weeks ago Director Falcone, Deputy Director Thaler, KG&D Associates Russ Davidson and Sara Dirsra took Grinton I. Will's façade plans to the City engineer who expressed satisfaction with the plans.

The Mayor's budget was released on Friday. Director Falcone referred the Board members to the budget summary distributed to them which was then discussed among the Board members. Overall, the budget was deemed sufficient.

Guest Steven Wagner arrived at 7:55 p.m. He serves on the Yonkers Committee for Smart Development. Mr. Wagner told Board members that he may be able to provide the services of an engineer who could offer an opinion on the Grinton I. Will façade project.

Director Falcone advised the Board members that interviews are being conducted for the Librarian IV, Branch Administrator position.

Deputy Director Thaler told the Board members that the Peter Reginato sculpture will be installed by next Friday outside of the Grinton I. Will Branch.

Deputy Director Thaler informed the Board members that there will more Strategic Planning committee meetings; the first being May 10 at 10:00 a.m. with strategic planners Leslie and Alan Burger who will submit a report for review and discussion. Tr. Arcaro asked that the report be e-mailed to the Trustees. Deputy Director Thaler said that the Library collected more than 2700 survey responses.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT - None

WLS REPORT – None

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

- Eduardo Cruz, P/T Page, \$10.50/hr., effective 3/12/16
- Robin Osborne, P/T Librarian II Provisional, \$25.35/hr., eff. 3/12/16
- Harrison Degree, P/T Page, \$9.00/hr., effective 4/2/16
- Renee Rabadi, Librarian Trainee, \$40,796/yr., eff. 4/8/16
- Zahra Baird, Librarian III (Permanent), \$71,097/yr., eff. 4/8/16

The Board acknowledged the following terminations:

- Yahaira Decastro, P/T Page, \$10.50/hr., effective 3/26/16
- Raphael Guida, P/T Librarian I, \$19.30/hr., effective 4/9/16
- Frank Vela, P/T Page, \$9.00/hr., effective 4/13/16

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Budget & Planning: Maron, Arcaro, Jannetti

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved rolling over the following certificate:

- 5/7/16 Rita G. Murphy Memorial fund, 12 Mo. CD, Trustco Bank, \$5,409.12, 1.00%

Employee Relations: Maron, Buckley

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Touba, Buckley

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Arcaro, Jannetti

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #767.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board members discussed the Library Art Curator volunteer position description which was distributed to the Trustees by President Maron.

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Volunteer Art Curator Position Description.

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved retaining our current volunteer art curator, Haifa Bint-Kadi, until December 31, 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Tr. Maron thanked the Board members for all their participation in the upcoming May 4th fundraising event.

Tr. Maron called the Board into an Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

The Board meeting resumed at 9:31 p.m.

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached resolution concerning executive compensation.

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2015 State Annual Report.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE - Thursday, May 26, 2016, 7:00 p.m., the Riverfront Library.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary