

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING  
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY  
MARCH 15, 2016

**ATTENDANCE**

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Derrick Touba Jim Buckley Gregory Arcaro Stephen Jannetti
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Susan Thaler
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Barbara Quis
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	Mary Amato
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Rose Bannister, Clerk III Business Office, Riverfront Library

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

**MINUTES**

On motion of Tr. Touba, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 18, 2016.

The Board members agreed to combine the Finance committee with the Budget & Planning committee.

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to elect the following Standing Committee members:

**Finance, Budget & Planning:** Maron, Arcaro, Jannetti

**Employee Relations:** Maron, Buckley

**Buildings & Grounds:** Maron, Touba, Buckley

**Fundraising & Development:** Maron, Arcaro, Jannetti

### **DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Director Falcone reported to the Board members that this is the last day for patrons to submit surveys for our long-range plan and that over 2600 survey responses were received. He said that all scheduled town meetings and focus groups have been successfully completed. Strategic planner Alan Burger will compose a report and meet with Board members and the Strategic Planning committee soon, going forward with the strategic plan. Director Falcone informed the Board members that Alan Burger has a meeting with Mayor Spano this Friday.

Director Falcone invited Board members to see the Tech Room in its near completion after the meeting. He mentioned that our newly hired Tech Room instructor Christine Bitetti has been diligently working on programs for use in the Tech Room.

Director Falcone informed Board members that invitations for the Library's May 4<sup>th</sup> fundraising event will be sent out shortly. The event will also be posted to our website.

Director Falcone told Board members that he and Tr. Maron met with Mayor Spano on February 22 to discuss the YPL budget. The Mayor's budget will come out in April. The City's budget director said he will set up meetings regarding the capital budget which was submitted in late February.

Director Falcone advised the Board members that according to architect Russ Davidson, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has accepted the revised Grinton I. Will Branch façade project.

The Board members were informed by Director Falcone that the Civil Service list for Librarian IV Branch Administrator will be available March 29, 2016.

**UNION REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT** - Union Representative Rose Bannister had nothing to report.

Tr. Jannetti joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**WLS REPORT** – WLS representative Mary Amato told the Board members that the state budget proposal will be lower than the funding levels in the year 2000. WLS representative Amato said that the federal budget is looking for technology services to be cut by a half million dollars.

WLS representative Amato reminded the Board members about the April 13<sup>th</sup> breakfast meeting with Barney Frank at Tappan Hill.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

- Marissa Richardson, Librarian I, \$53,478, effective 3/4/16
- Masuma Syed, P/T Page, \$10.50/hr., effective 2/27/16

The Board acknowledged the following resignations:

- Christopher Padilla, P/T Page, \$9.00/hr., effective 2/20/16
- AnnMargaret Martinez, P/T page, \$10.50/hr., effective 2/13/16
- John Connell, Librarian II, \$67,265, effective 3/10/16

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance, Budget & Planning:** Maron, Arcaro, Jannetti

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved closing the Jutkowitz Savings Account and moving the balance into The Trust Checking Account (approximately \$1400.00).

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**Fundraising & Development:** Maron, Arcaro, Jannetti

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #766.

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board agreed that in the absence of the Treasurer and the President, Tr. Buckley be authorized to certify claims for payment.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Business Manager Quis told Board members that she will be e-mailing invitations to them if any member wants to obtain tickets for the Women in Business Luncheon at Dunwoodie being held on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE** - To be determined.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Edward Falcone  
Library Director & Secretary