

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
October 19, 2017

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Anietra Guzman-Santana Stephen Jannetti Jim Buckley
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	None
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Vivian Presedo
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	None
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Mary Robison, Librarian I, Riverfront Adult Dept.

The Board Meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES

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

DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

Director Falcone told Board Members that Deputy Director Thaler was at CLUSTER's annual dinner this evening on behalf of the Library.

Director Falcone referred to the printed report that was included in the Board packet, and elaborated on some of the items listed in the report:

The pace of construction will pick up soon on the Will façade project. The roofing work was completed, materials for the new windows and cladding are being shipped, and the new timeline shows substantial completion of Phase I by the end of the year. The architect is currently working on bid materials for Phase II.

Director Falcone and Deputy Director Thaler met with art curator Haifa Bint-Kadi to explore ideas for reusing Will's old sun shades. He also advised Board members that Haifa Bint-Kadi may be leaving her position as volunteer curator after the spring of 2018.

The Board was informed by Director Falcone that the WLS Board of Trustees voted to approve the recommended award amounts for the next round of DLD construction grants. If the award is upheld, we will receive the funds next September.

Director Falcone told Board members that the Library volunteered its three branches from September 29th through October 21st to collect relief supplies to send to Mexico and Puerto Rico. Through November 13th we are also collecting new pajamas and books for children in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce's annual "Stuff a Bus" campaign.

Director Falcone updated the Board on the boiler replacement project at Will. The consulting engineer is working on a new plan that is in line with the project budget.

On October 3rd, Director Falcone and Tr. Puglia attended a WLS-sponsored workshop on how to run effective board meetings. A variety of topics was covered and the Library appears to be following all of the best practices.

Director Falcone and Tr. Maron updated Board members on the Montefiore grant.

Director Falcone informed Board members that on November 30th, YPL will be honored by Literacy Solutions.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT – Union Representative Mary Robison thanked Board members for their good work.

WLS REPORT – None

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Amy Kranes, P/T Page, \$11.00/hr., effective 9/16/17

Litzy Mejia, P/T Page, \$10.00/hr., effective 10/7/17

The Board acknowledged the following retirement:

Ethel Petryczka, Librarian III, \$80,346/yr., effective 10/12/17

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Budget & Planning: Maron, Jannetti

Employee Relations: Maron, Greenwald

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Buckley, Guzman-Santana, Touba

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Guzman-Santana, Buckley, Touba,
Greenwald

Tr. Guzman-Santana reported on the second meeting of The Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library. It was an informational meeting, with ideas discussed for various projects that might be funded. The next step will be to invite and appoint people to serve on the first Foundation Board.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Jannetti, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #784.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2018 Holiday Schedule.

Director Falcone discussed the framework of the 2018-2019 Budget with the Trustees. A more complete discussion of the budget will take place at the November meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Thursday, November 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Library.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Edward Falcone
Library Director & Secretary