

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
APRIL 24, 2014

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Curtis Kendrick Jim Buckley John Margand Jennifer Lemiech-Iervolino Gregory Arcaro
LIBRARY DIRECTOR:	Stephen E. Force
DEPUTY DIRECTOR:	Edward Falcone
BUSINESS MANAGER:	Barbara Quis
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:	Sarah McAllister
YONKERS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	None
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	David Zepeda, Custodial Worker Riverfront Library
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	Rose Bannister, Clerk III Business Office, Riverfront Library
GUEST:	James Lothrop

James Lothrop of Lothrop Associates made a presentation for the new Riverfront Library Technology Center. A discussion ensued after the presentation among the Board members and Mr. Lothrop.

The Board meeting began at 7:55 p.m.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Kendrick, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 12, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Force informed the Board that the Mayor's 2015 Executive Budget contains a small increase over our current 2013 budget, which is intended to cover some basic needs such as fuel oil and contractual items. However, we did not receive funds for certain other requests including additions to staff and programs. The Library's budget hearing with the City council is scheduled for April 29th at 4:30. Director Force, Deputy Director Falcone and Business Manager Quis will attend.

Director Force told the Board that on Friday, May 2 at 5-7 p.m. there will be a reception for an exhibit by local artists in the atrium at the Riverfront Library. On June 11 at 6:00 p.m., there will be an art exhibit in the atrium at the Riverfront Library by Yonkers Public School students. Director Force told the Board members that this event has taken place for 15 years and is always well attended.

Director Force told the Board that he would like to schedule a Staff Recognition Day and asked them to consider how we might close the library for perhaps a half day and bring the staff together for a nice event.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Falcone referred to his report. He said that circulation was up this month. He handed out a packet regarding the capital budget to the Board members. Deputy Director Falcone said he resubmitted information to DASNY upon their request with regards to the grants for the new technology center at the Riverfront Library. WLS said that money from the State construction grant may be released soon. To date, we have not had a response from the already submitted HUD grant.

Deputy Director Falcone said that the elevators at the Riverfront Library were scheduled to be inspected on Monday, April 28 and should be ready for use next week.

Deputy Director Falcone distributed to the Board members, upon Tr. Arcaro's request, a 4 year projected capital budget with a cover letter describing current projects.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Union Representative David Zepeda introduced himself to the Board members as the new union shop steward for the Riverfront Library.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Staff Representative Rose Bannister had nothing to report.

WLS REPORT - None

PERSONNEL REPORT

On motion of Tr. Kendrick, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the following appointment:

Jessica G. Turner, ClerkI/Spanish Speaking, \$33,251/yr., eff. 4/25/14

The Board acknowledged the following resignation:

Vanessa Ypsilantis, Clerk I, \$39,050/yr., eff. 4/28/214

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning: Maron, Kendrick, Olbrecht, Buckley

Finance: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley, Margand

On motion of Tr. Iervolino, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board ratified the closing of Yonkers Public Library Saunders Book Fund Savings Account located at Webster Bank, A/C #24500506 in the amount of \$5,854.02, and moving the funds into the Saunders Book fund C.D. which will be rolled over on or after April 21, 2014.

Employee Relations: Maron, Buckley, Margand

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Lemiech-Iervolino, Arcaro

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Kendrick, Olbrecht, Margand

Tr. Maron informed the Board members that she will be meeting with Eric Schoen from the Friends of the Yonkers Public Library. She also advised the Board members of her intention to place a call to Sue Hall with relation to fundraising ideas.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board ratified payment of bills as listed on Schedule #743.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Thursday, May 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Grinton I. Will Branch

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Stephen E. Force
Library Director & Secretary

