

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
DECEMBER 16, 2013

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	William E. Sheerin Nancy Maron Jim Buckley John Margand Alexandre Olbrecht 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:	None
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	Rose Bannister, Clerk III Business Office, Riverfront Library
GUEST:	John Phelan, COY Corporation Counsel

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

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 20, 2013.

The Board then went into a Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Board meeting resumed briefly, then and upon motion of Tr. Margand the Board went back into a Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Board meeting resumed at 7:18 p.m.

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and carried by a vote of 5 to 1, the Board approved the attached Resolution which authorizes the President of the Library Board to act on its behalf in signing the Settlement Agreement resolving a dispute with the Verizon Network Integration Corporation ("Verizon").

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Force told the Board members that Mr. Sandy Amoyaw, Branch Administrator, Grinton I. Will Branch, has returned from his absence.

Director Force said that on December 5, 2013 he and two Yonkers police detectives attended a risk assessment walk-through at Grinton I. Will Branch. The detectives took photographs, asked questions and said they would provide Director Force with a written report containing recommendations that could assist in safeguarding the Library. Director Force told the Trustees they would each receive a copy of the report when he receives it.

Director Force informed the Board members that during the months of January and February in the atrium at Riverfront Library there will be an exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of Grand Central Station.

YONY held a technology event last Thursday at Riverfront Library with speaker/columnist Tony Schwartz. This is the first of a monthly series which will be held in the atrium.

Director Force distributed letters from the YPL Foundation to the Board members. He said that along with the YPL Foundation Board members that

have been recruited, a few more people have expressed interest in joining the Foundation Board.

Director Force said that he would contact new Council Members Corazon Pineda and Liam McLaughlin to invite them for a tour of all three branches.

Director Force paid tribute to Dr. William Sheerin for his 25 years of selfless dedication to the Yonkers Public Library. Dr. Sheerin served for seven years as Vice President and sixteen years as President of the Board of Trustees.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Falcone said the CCTV project's design is still being negotiated, but it is coming very close to being finalized.

Deputy Director Falcone said there has been much interest by the contract community regarding the façade project at Grinton I. Will Branch but the project is pending approval of the capital budget. A discussion ensued regarding public presentation of the façade project.

Deputy Director Falcone informed the Board members that this Friday bids will be opened regarding the Grinton I. Will Branch elevator project.

The building engineer at Riverfront Library informed Deputy Director Falcone that the City granted a permit for the elevators to finally be repaired.

Deputy Director Falcone addressed Tr. Margand's inquiry regarding the front steps at Riverfront Library. Deputy Director Falcone advised the Board that the City was able to temporarily repair the steps.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – None

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Staff Representative Rose Bannister congratulated Tr. Sheerin on his twenty-five years of service as a YPL Board of Trustee and told him he would be missed.

WLS REPORT

Director Force told the Board members that he spoke with Mary Amato, representative for WLS who was unable to attend this meeting. She reported that the proposed County budget is the same as the 2013 budget. She said that a fundraiser is planned for Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Reid Castle, Manhattanville College to benefit WLS, featuring James McBride and his jazz quintet, along with wine, food tasting and book signing. The cost will be \$125 and everyone will be notified about the event.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Scott Cupples, Custodial Worker, \$35,550, eff. 11/22/13
AnnMargaret Martinez, P/T Page, \$9.05/hr., eff. 11/30/13

The Board acknowledged the following resignation:

Johanna Almonte, Clerk 1/Spanish Speaking, \$34,325, eff. 12/6/13

The Board acknowledged the following terminations:

Kasey Romero, P/T Page, \$7.25/hr., eff. 11/23/13
Michael Leyden, P/T Page, \$7.25/hr., eff. 11/23/13
Diane Whalen, P/T Page, \$9.05/hr., eff. 12/7/13

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved increasing the hourly wage for \$7.25/hour Part-Time Pages to \$8.00/hour, effective December 31, 2013, in order to be in compliance with the New York State minimum wage requirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning: Sheerin/Buckley/Maron/Olbrecht

Tr. Olbrecht advised the Trustees that he is in receipt of data from WLS to be utilized in the report he will devise for the advocacy committee.

Finance: Sheerin/Buckley/Margand/Olbrecht

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

1/22/2014, Rita G. Murphy Memorial Fund, Sterling National Bank, 12 mo. CD., .75%, \$5,302.50

Employee Relations: Sheerin/Buckley/Margand/Olbrecht

Buildings & Grounds: Sheerin/Lemiech-Iervolino/Arcaro

Fundraising & Development: Sheerin/Margand/Maron/Olbrecht

COMMUNICATIONS

Tr. Sheerin and Director Force received letters from the Yonkers Public Schools Board of Trustees confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Gregory Arcaro as Trustee and the appointment of Mr. Curtis Kendrick as Trustee, beginning January 1, 2014.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as listed on Schedule #739.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Director Falcone asked the Board members to authorize Director Force to purchase CCTV equipment.

On motion of Tr. Maron, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the attached resolution authorizing and empowering Director Stephen Force to purchase a closed circuit television system for the Riverfront Library.

Dr. Sheerin expressed his appreciation for being able to serve for twenty-five years as a Trustee for the Yonkers Public Library. He said he truly respects the professionalism of all Library staff and greatly admires the Library's patrons and their support during the years. He asked the Board members to continue their advocacy regarding the salary inequities that exist for clerk titles when compared to the City and the Board of Education. Dr. Sheerin conveyed his good wishes to the YPL Board of Trustees on all future endeavors.

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

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Stephen E. Force
Library Director & Secretary

