

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
DECEMBER 18, 2014

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Alexandre Olbrecht Jim Buckley Jennifer Lemiech-Iervolino Harris M. Lirtzman
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:	Cheryl Johnson, Clerk I Typist Riverfront Library
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE	Rose Bannister, Clerk III Business Office, Riverfront Library

The Board meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 24, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Force handed out a sheet with suggested items to be included in the upcoming 2016 Operating Budget Request for review and approval by Board members, a copy of Preparation Guidelines and this year's Operating Budget breakdown. Director Force is anticipating negotiations for salary increases. A discussion ensued among the Board members regarding the Operating and Capital Budget Requests.

On motion of Tr. Iervolino, seconded and unanimously approved, the Board approved the proposed items to be included in the 2015/16 Operating Budget Request.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Falcone told Board members that the architect for the Technology Room at Riverfront Library said that there has been some interest from bidders. Vendors must register on site and the architect manages the bids electronically. The deadline for returning bid proposals is January 23, 2015. There will be a walk-through for vendors in early January.

Deputy Director Falcone reported to the Board members that the December 16th HBO filming went smoothly at Grinton I. Will Branch. Channel 12 covered the event and patrons were excited about the filming. The author of "Show Me a Hero" was interviewed and on January 8th and 9th filming will resume.

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously approved, the Board approved closing Grinton I. Will Branch for the continuation of filming for HBO, on January 8 and January 9, 2015.

On January 3rd and 4th, the Riverfront Library will be closed for electrical work. The city is switching electric providers as a cost-saving measure.

On behalf of Sandy Amoyaw, Deputy Director Falcone expressed thanks regarding the Barnes & Noble event support received from the Board members. President Maron said the Board members appreciated the ongoing efforts from Library staff for such events.

UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Union Representative Cheryl Johnson had nothing to report.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Staff Representative Rose Bannister had nothing to report.

WLS REPORT - None

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Mary Nowak, Clerk I, \$32,177, effective 12/19/14

The Board approved increasing the hourly wage for \$8.00 Part Time pages to \$8.75, effective December 31, 2014, in order to be in compliance with New York State's minimum wage requirement.

The Board acknowledged the following terminations:

Jonesse Cruz, PT Page, \$8.00/hr., effective 11/29/14

Tatianna Gyan, PT Page, \$8.00/hr., effective 11/29/14

Issam Ishak, PT Page, \$8.00/hr., effective 11/29/14

Daniella Sanchez, PT page, \$8.00/hr., effective 11/29/14

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley

President Maron informed Board members that she, Gina Bell, Librarian at Yonkers Public Schools, Tr. Margand, Tr. Lirtzman and Deputy Director Falcone are scheduled to meet regarding the Library and Yonkers Public Schools partnership on January 7, 2015.

Finance: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley, Margand

Tr. Olbrecht distributed to the Board members his plan for handling future bill payments for review.

Employee Relations: Maron, Buckley, Margand

Deputy Director Falcone said that one Trustee needs to be appointed to go to any scheduled employee bargaining sessions.

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Lemiech-Iervolino, Arcaro

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Olbrecht, Margand

RATIFICATION OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Lirtzman, seconded and carried with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 opposed, the Board ratified payment of bills as listed on Schedule 751.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tr. Olbrecht stressed to the Board members the necessity to obtain funds for panel refurbishing at Grinton I. Will Branch.

NEW BUSINESS

President Maron told Board members that she had a meeting with Mayor Spano two weeks ago to discuss the Library's upcoming events and monetary conditions.

On motion of Tr. Iervolino, seconded and unanimously approved, the Board voted to appoint Deputy Director Falcone as Interim Director effective January 16, 2015.

President Maron and the Board members commended Tr. Iervolino, whose term expires December 31, 2014, on her five years of service and wished her well on her future endeavors.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Monday, January 12, 2015, 7:00 p.m.,
Riverfront Library.

The Board Meeting went into a Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Board Meeting was resumed at 9:53 p.m.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Stephen E. Force
Library Director & Secretary