

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
MARCH 12, 2014

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Curtis Kendrick Alexandre Olbrecht 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:	Mary Amato
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Cheryl Johnson, Clerk I Typist Riverfront Library
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	Rose Bannister, Clerk III Business Office, Riverfront Library

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

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Kendrick, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 20, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Force informed the Board members that he, Deputy Director Falcone and Susan Thaler, Branch Administrator, Riverfront Library, met with Council Member Corazon Pineda on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the Riverfront Library. Questions by Ms. Pineda were answered and the discussion was focused on the Library's many abilities on several levels to service her constituents. Director Force told the Board members that he has meetings scheduled with various Council Members at their offices during the month of March. Mayor Spano will be visiting the Riverfront Library at 4:00 p.m. on March 24th.

Director Force invited the Trustees to the Riverfront Library's Art Gallery reception on March 14th at 6:00 p.m.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Falcone said the CCTV project at the Riverfront Library is working to full capacity. Director Force acknowledged Deputy Director Falcone's relentless efforts to see the much-needed CCTV project through to its completion.

He told the Board members that due to the delay in the capital budget funds, which now may be extended through September or longer, the book budget has had to be revised to make the current funds last.

Deputy Director Falcone said that with regard to the Technology Project at the Riverfront Library, he is still waiting to hear from the submitted DASNY grant. Deputy Director Falcone advised the Board members that he will invite the project architect James Lothrop, to the YPL's next Board meeting.

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

WLS Representative Mary Amato reported that Governor Cuomo’s 2014/2015 proposed budget will be providing no increase for Library aid. On April 11th, during National Library Week, a book and author luncheon will be held at the CV Rich mansion in White Plains. A Trustee workshop on fundraising will be offered by WLS on April 3, 6:00 p.m. at the Katonah Village Library. Mrs. Amato also said that the Trustee Institute will be held on May 2 and May 3 at the Mariott Hotel in Tarrytown.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Hanade Sarrar, P/T Page, \$8.00/hr., eff. 2/15/14

Tasfia Tasnim, P/T Page, \$8.00/hr., eff. 2/22/14

The Board acknowledged the following resignation:

Jennifer Fernandez, P/T Page, \$8.00/hr., eff. 2/21/14

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning: Maron, Kendrick, Olbrecht, Buckley

Tr. Kendrick outlined the beginning phase for a draft of an advocacy plan. There was a discussion among Board members regarding compiling information and data to incorporate in the plan.

Finance: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley, Margand

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

4/21/2014 Contributions Account, Sterling National Bank, 12 mo. CD,
0.60%, \$25,790.69
4/21/2014 Saunders Book Bund, Sterling National Bank, 12 mo. CD,
0.60%, \$67,055.81

Tr. Olbrecht advised Board members that he is researching policy guidelines for prudent investments.

Employee Relations: Maron, Buckley, Margand

Tr. Margand asked if the wording in the union contract was going to be updated and modified. Tr. Buckley said that nothing can be presented until the City settles the fiscal budget and Tr. Olbrecht noted that the Board of Trustees must approve the language.

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Lemiech-Iervolino, Arcaro

Tr. Arcaro and Tr. Lemiech-Iervolino decided to set up a meeting for next week.

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Kendrick, Olbrecht, Margand

On February 28, 2014 Tr. Maron met with Mr. Schneider, President of the Yonkers Public Library Foundation and distributed to Board members a letter which she received from him as a result of that meeting. She said that Mr. Schneider asked if YPL Trustees could recommend candidates who might be interested serving on the YPL Foundation Board.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board ratified payment of bills as listed on Schedule #742.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tr. Maron spoke with Mary Hoar, President of the Yonkers Historical Society regarding the Society's collection and digitalization. Tr. Maron distributed a copy of a New York Times article dated 3/8/14 reporting Library innovations in Boston. She also mentioned that the PLA was having a

webinar and Deputy Director Falcone informed the Board that the Riverfront Library had signed up for the PLA virtual meeting which was being conducted on Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Tr. Buckley, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved closing the Library on Sunday, April 20, 2014 and Sunday, May 25, 2014.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Thursday, April 24, 2014, 7:00 p.m.,
Riverfront Library

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Stephen E. Force
Library Director & Secretary