

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
GRINTON I. WILL BRANCH
MAY 22, 2014

ATTENDANCE

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Alexandre Olbrecht Jim Buckley John Margand 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 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 24, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Force told the Board about a meeting he had with City officials concerning rental policies for the Riverfront Library auditorium and atrium. He explained that they want to establish a uniform policy regarding rental of all City property, and to establish a fair schedule of changes. Director Force explained that this would also enable the City to better account for the value of facilities that are being used in cases where there is no charge. Tr. Maron asked Tr. Olbrecht to compile a list of questions regarding this subject for future discussion.

Director Force expressed thanks to Staff Representative Rose Bannister for assembling a committee to organize activities for Staff Recognition Day.

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to close the Library from 12:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2014 to celebrate Staff Recognition Day at Grinton I. Will Branch.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deputy Director Falcone reported that construction documents for the Technology Training Center would be ready in about two weeks. There was no news to report on the status of the State and the Federal grants that are going to support this project. Deputy Director Falcone informed the Board members that the City has no plans to bond any money for the FY2014 capital budget until September or October at the earliest. This will not only delay several construction projects, but also affect our book budget.

Deputy Director Falcone informed the Board members that the State would be accepting new library construction grant applications this summer, and he was looking for a small project that might be tackled with existing funds. The Senator Flynn Activity Room at the Grinton I. Will Branch is heavily used by the Library and the Parks Department, and could use a thorough makeover. He has set up a meeting with architect William Leavy, who did excellent work on a similarly-sized project at the Grinton I. Will Branch five years ago, to discuss design options and cost estimates. If the project looks feasible, Deputy Director Falcone will pursue it further.

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 said that the WLS Board meeting took place on April 29, where it was reported that the NYS budget had a net increase of one million dollars state-wide in library aid for a total of 86.6 million but the level for library aide is still 15% less than what is required by state education law. This amount is approximately the same as it was in 1997.

Mrs. Amato also reported that there were 120 attendees at the Book and Author Luncheon which was held on April 11.

PERSONNEL REPORT

The Board ratified the following appointment:
Nicolina Callari, P/T page, \$9.05/hr., eff. 5/10/15

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Planning: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley

Finance: Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley, Margand

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

6/21/2014 David S. Kogan Memorial Fund 12 mo. CD
Sterling National Bank, \$5,098.99, 0.50%

6/21/2014 Contributions Fund, 12 mo. CD
Sterling National Bank, \$10,197.97, 0.50%

Employee Relations: Maron, Buckley, Margand

Buildings & Grounds: Maron, Lemiech-Iervolino, Arcaro

Fundraising & Development: Maron, Olbrecht, Margand

Director Force said he attended the YPL Foundation meeting last night which was comprised of newly elected officers. Cliff Schneider is the President, Tim Montalvo is serving as Vice President and Mike Petro is the new Treasurer. Director Force announced that he is no longer on the YPL Foundation Board. Director Force told the Board members that Mr. Schneider extended an invitation to YPL Trustees to attend the YPL Foundation's next meeting.

RATIFICATION OF BILLS

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board ratified payment of bills as listed on Schedule #744.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Tr. Curtis Kendrick resigned his position with the Yonkers Public Library Board effective May 7, 2014. Director Force sent a letter to the President of the Yonkers Public Schools Board of Trustees requesting a replacement to fill Mr. Kendrick's term of office.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Riverfront Library

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Stephen E. Force
Library Director & Secretary

