

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD MEETING  
RIVERFRONT LIBRARY  
NOVEMBER 24, 2014

**ATTENDANCE**

TRUSTEES:	Nancy Maron Gregory Arcaro Alexandre Olbrecht Jim Buckley John Margand 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:	Mary Amato
UNION REPRESENTATIVE:	Cheryl Johnson, Clerk I Typist Riverfront Library
STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:	Rose Bannister, Clerk III Business Office, Riverfront Library
GUESTS:	Dr. Michael Yazurlo, Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools  Gina Bell, Library Services Yonkers Public Schools

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

President Maron introduced Dr. Michael Yazurlo and Gina Bell from the Yonkers Public Schools to the Board members. A discussion ensued regarding partnering library services between the two institutions. Ideas were shared to expand existing youth services at the Library in collaboration with the Yonkers Public Schools vis-a-vis student volunteers, school visits, student internships, grant writing and donation assistance. President Maron and Gina Bell agreed to plan future meetings together in order to discuss the coordination of programs.

### **MINUTES**

On motion of Tr. Olbrecht, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board Meeting of October 14, 2014.

Tr. Lemiech-Iervolino informed the Board members that the time of adjournment was incorrect and needs be changed from 8:30 to 9:30 in the November 10, 2014 Special Board Meeting minutes.

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 10, 2014 as corrected.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Force thanked Rose Bannister and her committee for the wonderful Staff Recognition Day celebration.

Director Force told Board members that Melissa Goldberg from the City of Yonkers met with him and Deputy Director Falcone regarding closing Grinton I. Will Branch on 12/16, 1/8 and 1/9 to allow HBO to film.

On motion of Tr. Margand, seconded and with a vote of 6 in favor and 1 opposed, the Board approved authorizing Director Force and Deputy Director Falcone to conduct a negotiation, after consultation with Tr. Olbrecht and President Maron, on behalf of the Board and the Library to decide if HBO should be accommodated to conduct a three day filming at Grinton I. Will Branch.

### **DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Deputy Director Falcone referred to his submitted written report and said that he had nothing to more to add.

### **UNION REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Union Representative Cheryl Johnson had nothing to report.

### **STAFF REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Staff Representative Rose Bannister inquired as to whether an employee of the Yonkers Public Library could serve as a trustee on the Yonkers Public Library Board. The Board members advised her that the matter would be investigated and will report back at the next Board meeting.

### **WLS REPORT**

WLS Representative, Mary Amato presented to Board members the WLS Annual Report which showcased all three branches of the Yonkers Public Library on its front cover. Ms. Amato announced that she will continue to serve as the Yonkers representative on the WLS Board of Trustees until such time as someone else is appointed to take her place.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

Brandon Neider, Personal Computer Tech I, \$49,892/yr., eff. 10/24/14

Katie Farragher, P/T Page, \$9.35/hr., eff. 10/25/14

Victoria Addo-Prempeh, Librarian I, \$46,592, eff. 11/7/14

Anita Asheley, P/T Page, \$9.05/hr., eff. 11/8/14

The Board acknowledged the following resignation:

Ava Blake, Librarian I, \$50,922, eff. 10/31/14

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget & Planning:** Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley

Tr. Buckley suggested adding someone to the staff who could possibly supervise the Library's increasing involvement via a community-based information center for services such as ESL, jobs, and literacy.

**Finance:** Maron, Olbrecht, Buckley, Margand

**Employee Relations:** Maron, Buckley, Margand

**Buildings & Grounds:** Maron, Lemiech-Iervolino, Arcaro

**Fundraising & Development:** Maron, Olbrecht, Margand

## **RATIFICATION OF BILLS**

On motion of Tr. Arcaro, seconded and carried with a vote of 6 in favor and 1 opposed, the Board ratified payment of bills as listed on Schedule 750.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A discussion ensued among Board Members regarding the upcoming public forums on December 2, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at Grinton I. Will Branch and on December 4, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at Riverfront Library.

Tr. Buckley met with the Library's art curator Haifa Bint-Kadi. She informed Tr. Buckley that the beginnings of the committee are underway. Tr. Buckley and Tr. Maron will meet with Ms. Bint-Kadi in January to talk about upcoming local and non-local artists as well as potential Library donors.

**NEW BUSINESS**

On motion of Tr. Margand, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved closing the Library at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2014.

On motion of Tr. Margand, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 2015 Holiday Schedule.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE** – Thursday, December 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Riverfront Library.

The Board Meeting went into a Committee of the Whole Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

The Board Meeting was resumed at 9:54 p.m.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Stephen E. Force  
Library Director & Secretary