

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session  
Minutes

November 6, 2014

Members Present: Lisa Kost, Constance Barnes, Cheryl Ebert, Gary Ksenak, Margaret Coffey, Laura Evans, Jesse Katen, Jennifer Monroe, Wendy Stewart

Members Not Present: Margaret Shiel, Amoreena Wade

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, CSEA Union President Michelle Ford, Broome County Attorney Peter DeWind

The meeting was called to order by L. Kost at 8:30 a.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2014 was made by C. Barnes and seconded by G. Ksenak. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report – L. Wise

We had a very successful Staff Development Day on October 16, where we reviewed BCPL safety procedures and Code Adam. I am working on securing a location for the Penguin Books donation.

Board President's Report – L. Kost

L. Kost thought more should be done concerning the security threat as written on BCPL's Facebook page. Board members discussed their responsibility to protect patrons and staff from potentially physical threats. It was agreed that L. Wise would send the information on to the Broome County District Attorney, Gerald Mollen for further action.

Nominating Committee – C. Ebert

The Nominating Committee recommends C. Barnes and J. Katen be renewed for five year terms for each. The by-laws also state that a slate of officers should be delivered to the Board by November 30 of each year. After discussion, the officers will remain the same for 2015: L. Kost, President, C. Barnes, Vice President, C. Ebert, Secretary and G. Ksenak, Treasurer.

Finance Report – G. Ksenak

G. Ksenak would like to see quotes for the cost of a new materials security system for the building to protect its assets. He would also like to see a breakdown of cost of providing interlibrary loan materials to the libraries in the Four County Library System.

P. DeWind administered the Oath of Office for W. Stewart and L. Evans. Their oaths will be held on file at the Broome County Clerk's Office.

New Business

After a discussion of the Food for Fines program, C. Barnes made a motion to provide the Food for Fines program from December 1-31, 2014, as in previous years, as a good will gesture to the community. The motion was seconded by W. Stewart and passed unanimously.

The BCPL artwork inventory was reviewed by the Board.

A motion to accept a donation of approximately 300,000 books from Penguin Books and facilitate this donation as a pass-through to 92 area libraries was made by C. Ebert and seconded by M. Coffey. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

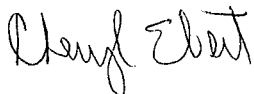
A motion to move \$10,000 from the library's trust account to the Community Foundation for South Central NY Fund and accept the existing Library Board to serve as the Advisory Board of the fund was made by C. Ebert and seconded by C. Barnes. The motion passed with 8 yes votes and 1 no vote.

The Board continued to discuss a public library district. It was mentioned that the positive outcome of the Town of Union vote meant residents love their libraries and are willing to pay for them. G. Ksenak explained that an RFP for any services involved in creating a district should have a not to exceed clause.

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Katen and seconded by C. Barnes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Ebert