

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session
Minutes

May 7, 2015

Members Present: Constance Barnes, Cheryl Ebert, Jesse Katen, Margaret Coffey, Laura Evans, Jennifer Monroe, Wendy Stewart, Amoreena Wade

Members Not Present: Lisa Kost, Margaret Shiel

Also Present: Director Lisa Wise, CSEA Union President Michelle Ford, Emergency Services Director Brett Chellis, John Roby, Reporter for Press and Sun Bulletin

The meeting was called to order by C. Barnes at 8:35 a.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2015 was made by J. Katen and seconded by W. Stewart. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report – L. Wise

L. Wise stated that the City of Binghamton has paid its first and second quarter invoices totaling \$348,463.

Finance Report

J. Katen has agreed to fill the Treasurer's duties after the resignation of Gary Ksenak.

New Business

Director of Emergency Services, Brett Chellis attended the meeting to discuss the 911 Backup Call Center now housed in the Library. The 911 Call Center is supported by the local surcharge on land line phones. As people have been replacing land lines with cellular service, these surcharges have decreased over time and that is paying the room rental charged by the Library. New York State mandates a backup plan in each county. Broome County has opted for a full back up in case of an emergency.

Considerable additions and expenses have been incurred by Emergency Services to upgrade the Library space, such as installing a backup power generator and a microwave dish connecting phone and radio systems. He also stated that there may be funding available to purchase a generator that would power the entire building in the case of a longer term power failure.

A motion to leave the \$15,000 per year rental fee for five years was made by J. Katen and seconded by C. Ebert. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion among members concerning the upcoming Trustees Retreat on May 28, 2015. Agenda items were board development, social media messages and how to focus the public's attention on BCPL's funding plight.

Old Business

None

Executive Session

None

A motion to adjourn was made by C. Ebert and seconded by M. Coffey.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Ebert".

Cheryl Ebert