

BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Session

Minutes

January 8, 2015

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

Members Not Present: Jennifer Monroe, Margaret Shiel

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 8:37 a.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2014 was made by J. Katen and seconded by W. Stewart. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report – L. Wise

The meeting with Assemblywoman Lupardo was postponed until January 15 at 2:00.

The check will be mailed from the County's Library Trust account to the Broome County Public Library Development Fund set up in the Community Foundation for South Central NY on December 5, 2014.

We will meet with representatives from Sprint to discuss lending of devices that allow homes to connect to WiFi hot spots. These could be checked out for as little as three months to one year. If grants are available, there would be no cost to the library.

Board President's Report – L. Kost

No report

Finance Report

G. Ksenak would like to see the veto message from Governor Cuomo's Starr Library veto. He would like to know if other libraries did become public library districts during Governor Cuomo's first administration. There may be funding for libraries included in his economic development package for the Southern Tier.

New Business

Please contact L. Kost with committee assignments.

Old Business

J. Katen wrote a thank you message to be read at the Friends Annual meeting by L. Kost. Food for the Friends meeting will be provided by the Library Board of Trustees.

Attorney Ellen Bach of Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna has offered her services in writing the legislation to present to the NYS Senate and Assembly. She will try to estimate costs in providing this service.

Executive Session

J. Katen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. The motion was seconded by C. Barnes.

A motion to return to regular session was made by J. Katen and seconded by C. Ebert.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Ebert